

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING TASK FORCE

It is ordained by the Town Council of the Town of North Smithfield as follows:

That the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to add Section 2-195 to Article XIII, to read as follows:

Section 2-195 School Building Task Force

(a) Creation, General Purpose

Here created is the **School Building Task Force**, which, with prior Town Council approval, may be aided by the assistance of an architect:

1) To review;

- A. The March 2009 NESDEC report [updated projections, etc.];
- B. Master Plan depth of already completed building and site condition analysis;
- C. The most recent "existing conditions" report that is part of the school district 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan dated November 2008;
- D. Options already proposed;
- E. Other options to be considered; and,
- F. Educational programming, recommendations, etc.

2) To propose a recommendation to address the next phase of school buildings needs on or before January 19, 2010.

(b) Membership

The Task Force shall be comprised of eight (8) voting members who shall be residents of the town (with exception below) who are of good character. Members shall serve without compensation, but the reasonable expenses of the Task Force or its members may be authorized by the Town Council with prior approval.

There shall be a clerk of the Task Force who may be compensated by funds appropriated by the Council, and who shall serve to take minutes and perform administrative tasks for the Task Force.

This School Building Task Force should begin their work as soon as possible after approval of task force members with the intention of providing a recommendation(s) to the School Committee and Town Council to consider implementation for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

The Task Force shall have no executive or legislative powers, and shall report its recommendations to the Town Council, to whom it shall serve an advisory capacity.

The Task Force shall remain in place through the time of recommendations, and the execution of all documentation necessary for state reimbursement, and in any event the Task Force shall expire no later than 18 months from approval of its membership.

The Task Force shall specifically include the following as members, all of whom shall be appointed by the town council:

1. A member of the present Town Council. This member shall be appointed by the Town Council.
2. A member of the present School Committee. This member shall be approved by a vote of the School Committee.

3. The Superintendent of Schools, ex-officio. The Superintendent shall be a voting member for all matters with the exception of the payment of invoices, and need not be a resident of the town.
4. All five other members shall be appointed by the Council with a recommendation from the above mentioned members. Priority should be considered toward those who have specific skills and qualifications that would assist the Task Force in its tasks, such as those in the professional, educational, building trades, finance, business, design, architecture, engineering or the like.

Non-voting, ex-officio, voluntary members, with whom the task force may consult shall include the School Department Director of Facilities and School Administrators, all of whose attendance is not mandatory but who shall be available on request by the Task Force.

The Task Force shall appoint a chairperson, a vice chairperson or a co-chairperson, and a secretary who shall take notes of the activities of the Task Force, develop minutes, and facilitate compliance with open meetings and other procedures. Minutes shall be filed by the Task Force with the Town Clerk upon their adoption and approval by the Task Force for distribution to the Town Council and the School Committee.

Members shall serve until a successor is appointed.

(c) Meetings

1. Meetings of the Task Force shall be in compliance with the open meetings act, and its records open in compliance with the state public records acts. The meetings shall be open for public comment addressed to the commission at each meeting.
2. All major decisions of the Task Force shall be referred for approval to the Town Council. The Task Force shall report of its activities to the Town Council at least once every other month, as well as at such other times as it or the Council deems appropriate.
3. The Task Force may organize such sub-committees as it deems necessary to affect its purpose, which sub-committees shall act in compliance with the open meetings laws.

This ordinance shall take effect on the date of passage and in accordance with the Town Charter.

Approved in form: _____
Richard Nadeau, Jr., Town Solicitor

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Benoit yes Biron yes Leclerc yes Zwolenski yes Lovett yes

Approved by Town Administrator: _____
Paulette Hamilton