

## 2025\_04\_17 Minutes Ad Hoc Building Committee

Attendees: Acting Chair Bob Higgins-Steele, Member Anthony Garrett, Member Leif Hamnquist, Alternate Bob Panessiti, Member Anastasia Song

### 1) **Assign Notetaker:** Bob Higgins-Steele

Member Song will do minutes from 3/13/25 from the online recording

### 2) **Public Comment;** Truro voter Dennis O'Brien cites SB policy 13 saying SB has not advertised that there is a vacancy on the committee, there is a quorum of members and therefore Alternate Panesitti cannot vote

Member Panessiti states that Mr. O'Brien's statement is his opinion. It is not supported by counsel or precedent,

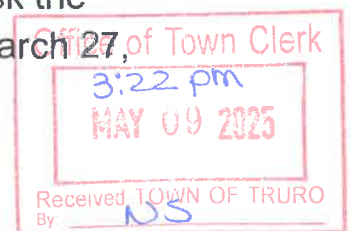
### 3) **Staff Update:** Director Cabral: The Committee has previously voted on the consolidated design. He reaffirms that the Designer and OPM still support the schematic design process already underway

### 4) **Discussion and vote on adding a second schematic Design for a Campus Plan**

Acting Chair Higgins-Steele gives background for this agenda item. On March 14, 2025, former Co-Chairs Higgins-Steele and Cohen met with a group of concerned citizens, the DPW director, and Wes from Apex (the OPM) for a frank back and forth discussion of the project

Good faith among the Committee and citizens, cost as well as whether the committee listened to the study group and citizens were among the topics.

The former co-chairs said to the citizens they would ask the committee at the next Ade Hoc Committee meeting on March 27,



2025 whether the committee would consider advancing a second campus style plan at the cost of \$100,000

On March 21 Acting Chair Higgins-Steele met with many of the same group unaccompanied.

He reiterated to the citizens that as the Co-chairs said they would bring the idea of a second campus plan schematic to the committee at the March 27 AHBC meeting. He made no commitment beyond that.

During the March 21 citizens meeting, committee member Garrett, who also sits on the DPW study group, advocated that we finish the consolidated schematic design i.e. stay the course, not advance a second plan at this point.

Because March 27 meeting did not have the same members present as the ones that originally voted on the consolidated plan and one committee member had a hard stop, the discussion and vote was tabled until the 4/17/2025 meeting.

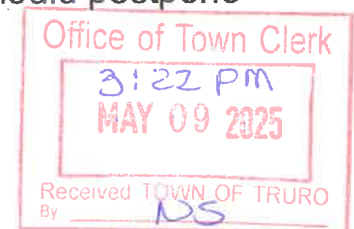
During the April 17 (this) meeting, the committee discussed whether to reaffirm or amend their recommendation to the select board.

Amendment would entail a second campus schematic design costing \$ 100,000.

The discussion included the project cost, schematic drawing cost, the upcoming May release of the consolidated schematic design, how there would be no significant cost advantage to a campus plan, the designers advocated staying the course among other etc.

Member Garret said that on March 21 he had agreed to staying the course on but did not want to constrain the Committee and designers to going forward after the first schematic design was completed.

The committee decided that since the consolidated plan schematic design was so close to being finished, the committee should postpone



indefinitely a vote on reaffirming, amending or adding a campus plan schematic design.

This action was moved and seconded and approved unanimously  
4-0 not including the alternate, 5-0 including the alternate

**5) Agenda for the next meeting:**

Draft Schematic design, presentation on IRA ITCs by David Spencer, tax lawyer and Energy Committee member.

Members may email other agenda item request to the acting chair

Adjourned 4:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bob Higgins-Steele



5/9/2025

