



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Joint School Committee and School Building Committee**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:00 pm**  
**MVRHS Library and ZOOM**

Present: Art Smadbeck, Skipper Manter, Tracey Stead, Jason O'Donnell, Mark Friedman, Allen Rugg, Sally Rizzo, Dion Alley, Nancy Gilfoy, Richard Smith, Sean Mulvey, Billy Dillon, Terry Meinelt, Jim Mahoney, Amy Houghton, Elsbeth Todd, Robert Lionette, Sarah Murphy, Kelly Scott, Rizwan Malik, Kathryn Shertzer, Marsha Shufrin.

Staff: Sam Hart and Rebecca Claussen

Audience: Erin Fauteux, MVRHS, Chris Sharkey (Tappé Architects), Aditya Modi (CHA, Inc.), Louisa Hufstader (Vineyard Gazette), Sarah Shaw Dawson (MV Times), Brian Santos (W.T. Rich), Dan Anjo (W.T. Rich), Christine Martello (Consigli), Steven Johnson (Consigli).

**Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting began at 5:01. Mr. Alley and Mr. Manter welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**School Building Committee Discussion and Vote to Recommend to the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District the Construction Manager Firm for the Building Project**

Mr. Alley welcomed Ms. Stead as the Chair of the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Subcommittee to give a brief overview of their work over the past 5 weeks and the rationale for their ranking of the construction manager firms.

Ms. Stead began by thanking the 4 firms that submitted their qualifications during the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) process and the two joint venture applicants of W.T. Rich-Shawmut and Consigli-Gilbane who were the finalists in the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase of the procurement process.

She stated that both joint venture applications were well received by the Subcommittee and that it was a hard decision but that they were recommending the following ranking order: 1) W.T.-Rich-Shawmut and; 2) Consigli-Gilbane.

Mr. Alley asked Committee members if they had any questions. Mr. Manter asked what experience W.T.-Rich-Shawmut has in building schools. Ms. Stead confirmed that they have extensive experience leading school building projects across the Commonwealth of



Massachusetts and that they were the firm who renovated the Tisbury Elementary School that opened in 2024.

Both Dr. Smith and Mr. Alley praised the hard work of the CMAR Subcommittee and thanked them for getting the process to this point.

Mr. Alley asked for a motion to accept the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR)

Subcommittee's ranking of 1) W.T. Rich-Shamut and 2) Consigli-Gilbane and to recommend to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School School Committee the construction manager at risk joint venture of W.T. Rich-Shawmut for the Building Project. ART SMADBECK MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) SUBCOMMITTEE'S RANKING OF 1) W.T. RICH-SHAWMUT AND 2) CONSIGLI-GILBANE AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COMMITTEE THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK JOINT VENTURE OF W.T. RICH-SHAWMUT FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT; NANCY GILFOY SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 15 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. RUGG- AYE, MR. ALLEY- AYE, MR. O'DONNELL- AYE, MR. MEINELT- AYE, MS. HOUGHTON- AYE, MS. TODD- AYE, MR. SMADBECK- AYE, MR. MULVEY- AYE, MS. STEAD- AYE, DR. SMITH- AYE, MR. FRIEDMAN- AYE, MR. DILLON- AYE, MR. MAHONEY- AYE, MS. RIZZO- AYE, MS. GILFOY- AYE, MR. MANTER- NAY.

**MVRHS School Committee Discussion and Vote to Authorize the Superintendent to Negotiate Contract with the Recommended Firm**

Mr. Manter thanked the MVRHS School Building Committee for their work and for the recommendation of the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) firm. He asked whether any of the Committee members had any questions. Discussion followed on the cost of engaging the construction firm at this point. It was confirmed that the contract for the CMAR will not exceed \$30,000 during the Schematic Design phase of the project.

Mr. Manter asked for a motion in 3 parts: 1) To accept the recommendation of the MVRHS School Building Committee to select the construction firm joint venture of W.T. Rich-Shawmut as the top-ranked construction manager at risk firm for the school building project; 2) To authorize the Superintendent of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS) to negotiate a contract with the top-ranked firm, W.T. Rich-Shawmut, not to exceed \$30,000 for the schematic design phase of the project and; 3) To authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with the second-ranked firm, Consigli-Gilbane, if negotiations with the top-ranked firm are unsuccessful. AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MVRHS SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE TO SELECT THE CONSTRUCTION FIRM JOINT VENTURE OF W.T. RICH-SHAWMUT AS THE TOP-RANKED CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FIRM FOR THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT; TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARTHA'S



VINEYARD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (MVYPS) TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH THE TOP-RANKED FIRM, W.T. RICH-SHAWMUT, NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 FOR THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE OF THE PROJECT AND; TO AUTHORIZE THE MVYPS SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SECOND-RANKED FIRM, CONSIGLI-GILBANE, IF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TOP-RANKED FIRM ARE UNSUCCESSFUL; KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS. *MS. HOUGHTON- AYE, MR. MALIK- AYE, MS. SCOTT- AYE, MS. MURPHY- AYE, MS. SHERTZER- AYE, MR. LIONETTE- AYE, MS. SHUFRIN- AYE, MR. MANTER- NAY.* In his lone dissent, Mr. Manter praised the work of the MVRHS School Building Committee but stated that he felt he couldn't vote "aye" because the \$30,000 for the CMAR was not explicitly stated as part of the original \$2 million feasibility study budget.

### **Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated By the Chair**

There were no topics presented.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Alley asked for a motion to adjourn the School Building Committee meeting at 5:11 pm. ART SMADBECK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING; BILLY DILLON SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 15 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION. MR. RUGG- AYE, MR. ALLEY- AYE, MR. O'DONNELL- AYE, MR. MEINELT- AYE, MS. HOUGHTON- AYE, MR. SMADBECK- AYE, MR. MULVEY- AYE, MS. STEAD- AYE, DR. SMITH- AYE, MR. FRIEDMAN- AYE, MR. DILLON- AYE, MR. MAHONEY- AYE, MS. RIZZO- AYE, MS. GILFOY- AYE, MR. MANTER- AYE, MS. TODD- ABSTAIN.

Mr. Manter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 pm. KATHERYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. *MS. HOUGHTON- AYE, MR. MALIK- AYE, MS. SCOTT- AYE, MS. MURPHY- AYE, MS. SHERTZER- AYE, MR. LIONETTE- AYE, MS. SHUFRIN- AYE, MR. MANTER- AYE.*