

DRAFT MINUTES  
GROTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL REUSE TASK FORCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
GROTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL

October 25, 2010

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Town Manager Mark Oefinger.

I. ROLL CALL

Members present were Janet Downs, Bill Hart, Marian Galbraith, Peter Ganacoplos, Mary Kelly, Bob Peruzzotti and Ralph Whitney. A quorum of members was present.

Members absent were Nancy Barnhart, Catherine Kolnaski and Dana Parfitt.

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Public Works Director Gary Schneider, Project Management Specialist Holly Bridgham, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds for Education Wes Greenleaf, Mayor Jim Streeter, RTM Representative Archie Swindell, Boys & Girls Clubs representatives Paul Duarte and Kim Winkelman and Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center representative Kathy Green.

II. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Walking Tour of Groton Heights School

After introductions, Mr. Schneider began the tour by showing the members the boundaries of the school property as well as the location of "Library Street" and property owned by the Bill Memorial Library.

After the tour of the building, Ms. Winkelman noted that the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center are interested in the facility.

Mr. Oefinger explained the function of the committee and suggested that the interested parties contact the Town Council. Mayor Streeter recommended that a letter of interest be submitted to the committee.

The Town Manager stated that at this time, the Town has no interest in keeping or maintaining the property. Interest has been expressed by developers, church groups and a doctor's office. He added that the Town was hoping for interest by community groups, but cautioned that any re-use would almost certainly require changes to City zoning regulations.

2. Approval of Meeting Schedule

A motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule was made by Ms. Downs, seconded by Ms. Galbraith.

A motion to amend by eliminating the November 1 and December 27 meetings was made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Ms. Downs.

The vote on the meeting schedule as amended carried unanimously. (Amended schedule is attached.)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 18, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2010 was made by Mr. Peruzzotti, seconded by Ms. Kelly.

Mr. Peruzzotti noted that he misspoke when he cited \$12 million as the estimated figure for bringing the building up to code. The correct figure for the 2003 estimate is \$6 million, which includes bringing the facility up to code in the areas of fire and safety, but does not include handicapped accessibility.

(No correction will be made to the minutes, since they contain an accurate reflection of what was said, although the actual information was incorrect.)

The vote on approval of the minutes carried unanimously.

IV. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Mayor Streeter noted that Nancy Barnhart is unable to attend meetings on Mondays and is therefore will not be serving on the task force. Mr. Streeter appointed Archie Swindell to serve in her place.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Peruzzotti, seconded by Ms. Kelly and so voted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Janet Downs, Task Force member