

DRAFT MINUTES
GROTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL REUSE TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

December 20, 2010

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In the absence of Chair Catherine Kolnaski, the meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Task Force member Janet Downs.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Bill Hart, Catherine Kolnaski, Dana Parfitt and Archie Swindell.

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Project Management Specialist Holly Bridgham.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 13, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Whitney and so voted unanimously.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Review of Revised Survey and Potential Distribution List

The letter has been revised to include several suggestions made at the last meeting. In addition, it was suggested by Ms. Kelly that an option should be included for those who do not receive a letter and would like to participate in the survey, but choose not to do it on-line. Mr. Oefinger noted that a phone number be included so that individuals can complete the survey over the phone. The letter will be revised to include this suggestion.

Mr. Whitney inquired why the survey includes a question about Town or City ownership of the property when both have indicated that they have no interest in owning the property.

Mr. Oefinger responded that the survey is intended to gauge the preferences of neighborhood residents and that some may have strong feelings about Town or City ownership of the property.

Members reviewed the proposed distribution list for the letter which includes 137 parcels. Mr. Oefinger explained how the list was compiled.

2. Responses to Solicitations of Interest in the Property

Ms. Bridgham indicated that there have been no responses to letters sent to UConn and DEP and that a letter has not yet been sent to Project LEARN.

Mr. Oefinger reported that on December 22, Project LEARN will be touring both Groton Heights and Noank Schools. They are looking for both office space and a new site for the multilingual magnet school now located in Waterford. He speculated that a decision may need to be made soon and that Groton Heights would probably be the more desirable location. Should Groton Heights prove suitable, the Town may retain the land and offer a long-term lease. He added that there would be significant costs to the tenant for upgrading the building.

3. Other

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for January 3, 2011.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Submitted by

Janet Downs, Task Force member