

MINUTES
NOANK SCHOOL REUSE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Members present were Bruce Flax, Ed Stebbins, Hank Steinfeld, Pete Fairbank, Frank Socha, June Evered, Pat Doyle, Anny Payne
- c. Members Absent: Carl Reichard, Dan Crowley and Robert McBain
- d. Staff: Holly Bridgham, John Carrington, Mark Oefinger
- e. Others: Kathleen Devine, Joseph Devine, Dr. Raymond B. Johnson, M.D., Peter Crawford, Michele Lublin, Robert Palm

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Many citizens from the Noank School neighborhood spoke. Discussions included:

- Dr. Johnson wanted additional information regarding the proposal to mail the survey to residents within a certain “bubble radius”, a concern of the 500 foot radius stated in question number two, the cost listed in questions three and four. He thought the numbers should be removed from the answer choices in questions six and seven.
- Frank Socha wanted to frame the “mailing survey” to Prospect Street, Brook Street, Elm Street, Williams, Hill Side, Ridge, Harbor Court and Smith Lane.
- Kathleen Devine felt if the cost of each choice in question seven was listed, it might help the survey takers make a more educated decision.
- Mark Oefinger suggested moving question seven to the third spot.
- Frank Socha suggested moving question six to the fourth spot.
- Robert Palm thanked the committee for rescinding the previous vote and was interested in helping with the writing of the history of Noank School for the survey. He wanted to leave all costs off the survey.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF – February 17, 2011 – Approved.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- a. Discussed the Survey.
 - Pete Fairbank suggested a preamble that included utilization of the property and the costs (who is paying what).
 - Pat Doyle suggested all commentary should reside in the pre-amble.
 - Hank Steinfeld felt the appraised value of the land/building should be included. Committee did not want to but agreed to link all Noank School reports on the web.
 - Frank Socha and Robert Palm will write the pre-amble to the survey.
 - Discussion about mailing – Hank Steinfeld wanted it mailed to a sample of the Town along with Noank residents within 500' of the school.

- There was discussion regarding the agenda item for the Noank Zoning Commission – the proposal to change the zoning of the property – to review all proposed uses – current zoning would not be a “right” of the potential new owner.
- b. Decisions agreed upon regarding the proposed survey:
- Frank Socha and Robert Palm will write a pre-amble and present at the next meeting
 - Question 7 moved to the 3rd question
 - Question 6 moved to the 4th question
 - Eliminate question 4
Unanimous vote to accept changes
 - Amended survey presented at the next meeting
- c. Next Meeting is April 7.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.