

WHOLE COMMITTEE Minutes — 6/10/26

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: 6:03pm

Attendance: Patty Crawford, Andrea Clifford, Joanne Pease, Jim Caldwell, Richard King, Harry Schadei, Bob Kohl, Barbara Edmond, Gail Philippi, Pete Beckford, Elise Brown, Carol McGovern, Bob Kohl, Cheryl Ball (ad hoc secretary)

PRIOR MINUTES

- Motion for approval Joanne and Richard—Unanimously approved.

CELEBRATION

- CAG grant submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Committee Report (Elise)
 - Transition mtg coming up - Facilities Team & Select Board
 - RSU3 has been removing more stuff
- Team Reports
 - Community Outreach Report (Andrea reporting in)
 - Membership update: Jane Liebler has resigned from committee and team work but will help out with various efforts
 - Team met to refocus on their purpose: communicating for Walker Repurposing Cmte only, not larger town communication
 - Held brainstorm session on community engagement ideas to date
 - (Open House, Montville/Liberty kickball, Cornhole tourney, Turkey Trot, Cabin Fever Reliever, game nights, dances, etc.)
 - **ACTION: Andrea** will invite fundraising team to review any fundraising events, so they're kept in the loop.
 - Need to wait for word from insurance carrier/fire marshal before acting
 - Facilities Team report (Richard)
 - Met with Quantum Insulators to get estimate for attic space.
 - Met with Logix at their office and school for site review.
 - Learning about security system from RSU this week.
 - Called Direct Communications, but they didn't return calls.
 - **ACTION: Jim** to contact Joanne Pease for Direct Comm. #

- Fundraising Team report (Cheryl)
 - CAG submitted — proposal changed to focus on hiring project management team to create specs we can use for Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system.
 - Thanks to the team who made 11th hour revisions.
 - Next up: BRIC (FEMA) grant for emergency shelter options, but Liberty is not eligible to submit because our required Hazard Mitigation Plan is held up at the county level.
 - Work continues on Major Donors fundraising plan, fiscal sponsor research, and private funding grant research.
 - New: Kate Tagai is leaving MCOG. Adi Philson is returning to MCOG and will be the Walker Repurposing Cmte liaison again.
 - Team is pausing meetings until July due to travel.
 - Cheryl can provide temporary cmte mtg wifi for any meeting she attends.
- Mixed-Use Team report (Pete)
 - Survey on primary day (6/9/26) for what community would be interested in for usage and rental space. (see handout for results)
 - Distributed to both Liberty and Montville
 - 26 responses for Liberty
 - 21 responses for Montville
 - General consensus: lots of great ideas written in and also people really like the idea of a community kitchen.
 - **ACTION: Elise** fix the totals on the survey results
 - Team will next work on floor plan layouts for possible renters
 - Caveat: It's all tentative til we get funding, good exercise.
 - Additional multi-use ideas provided by team
 - Highlight: Orono Community Center visit by Richard. They charge \$1/sq. Ft. for rental space.

OLD BUSINESS

- Community Meeting Flyer is being distributed.
- Slide deck for Community mtg will be discussion topic for next whole cmte meeting.
 - Refer to “2nd Draft Questions” handout before next mtg.
 - Discussion around how to proceed with discussion portion of the meeting
 - Consensus:
 - Spend the bulk of the time in slideshow providing all the details we have to date on facilities, fundraising, and mixed-use.
 - Provide plenty of time for Q&A. Can use the large-group discussion questions for the handout during that segment.
 - Ask community members to vote on usage desires (using the same election-day survey) on the way out.

NEW BUSINESS

- Naming issue — Recommendation: Ask Selectboard to create a separate committee with other townspeople on it.
 - Elise presented a draft committee charge for feedback.
 - Discussion ensued with suggestions for revising the charge.
 - **ACTION: Elise** will revise and send to cmte.
- Project timeline for 2026
 - Elise walked us through the 2026 timeline to date and what each committee is responsible for getting done and when. (see handout)
 - Committee discussed items that needed to be added.
 - Process: Team leaders can add the updates themselves.
 - 2027 timeline is available online in broad strokes
 - We need CDS funds before we can do any renovation
- Walker Health Clinic rental possibility
 - They're outgrowing the space next door.
 - They'll be limited to what they can have in a separate building. We need to get that process started asap.
 - Mainehealth connection: Dawn or Don.
 - **ACTION: Bob** can reach out.
- Communication processes:
 - **Process:** If you need town office or Selectboard help, go through Elise, to streamline communication with staff.

11th HOUR

- Town process for expenses
 - Ask Selectboard for approval before purchasing. We have NO budget.
 - **Process:** Bring your expected purchase to Elise to take to Selectboard for approval.
- Summer meeting schedule
 - July 8 — only cmte mtg for July
 - August 12 -- next cmte mtg
 - Teams can meet as often as they need to in July
- Fire marshal update
 - It's on the Selectboard's homework
 - We can ask Bill Gillespie to come in
- Sign
 - **ACTION: Carol** will change the marquis while Barb is out of town.

MOTION to ADJOURN: 7:29pm