

WHOLE COMMITTEE Minutes — 6/24/26

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: 6:04pm

Attendance: Gail Philippi, Pete Beckford, Elise Brown, Jim Caldwell, Richard King, Harry Schadei, Cheryl Ball, Micah Whitney, Patty Crawford

PRIOR MINUTES

- Motion for approval by Richard and Jim—Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Whole Committee Report (Elise)
 - Transition mtg coming up - Facilities Team & Select Board
 - RSU3 has been removing more stuff (see Facilities report)
 - Fire marshal update
 - We cannot host events under the blanket approval we were seeking.
 - We can continue maintenance, small meetings, and potentially other uses but we need to provide *very specific* requests.
 - We can potentially do things outside only, with porta potties.
 - Holding the community meetings this week is OK because RSU still owns the building until July 1.
 - Elise will discuss with Bill Gillespie what the communication line with the fire marshal needs to be going forward.
 - Facilities team came to selectboard mtg to discuss transfer of building.
 - Let Carol McGovern know if you want to meet with Pete Quimby for the final walkthrough. Potentially happening Monday, June 29, at 10am. **ACTION: ALL**
 - There's no “closing” for the building; just a transfer of keys, utilities, etc. on July 1st.
 - A little trouble on the mowing bid. It came in at \$300/week, just for the playground and around school. The town put it back out to bid.
 - Naming Committee
 - Selectboard approved creation of new committee for naming & will decide who is on it.
- Facilities Cmte Report (Jim)
 - Inventory
 - RSU3 coming Monday (tentative) to remove anything we don't want.

- Discussion around possibilities and constraints in keeping stuff to give away vs. sell and in asking the school to remove it now vs. us junking it later.
 - Only applies to items inside school. Greenhouse and sheds have minimal items anyways.
 - Jim has been finding the keys to the cabinets that remain.
 - **DECISION:** The cmte will stay after the Saturday community mtg (June 27) to go through the remaining school items and mark which ones to remove.
- Internet
 - Jim talked to Direct Communications. He made arrangements to get Internet pricing. We can stop Consolidated from installing.
 - Don't know if we have to sign a contract or go monthly.
- Sprinkler
 - Jim and Richard met with them on Wed, June 24. Sprinkler folks will provide an estimate for a wet system, as preferable over a dry system.
 - We will need to store 30,000 gallons of water onsite in an insulated, vertical, outdoor tank with its own heating system that requires power.
 - Advantage: allows for a smaller pump due to head pressure.
- Insulation
 - Richard spoke with Quantum about spray insulation cost and taking out the old insulation.
- Locks/keys
 - Talked to 3 locksmiths about lock/key pricing. Facilities team has boilerplate direction on what's needed, so everyone's bidding on the same thing.
- Card access system
 - For entry doors, but don't know yet how many entry doors there will eventually be with new design.
 - Card systems now have rentals, not buy and done. Seems to be an annual subscription service.
- Community Outreach Report (no chair present)
 - Discussion of who's still on cmte. Hannah can return to help but won't be on cmte.
 - Selectboard asked for help spreading chips around the playground on July 12, 10:30am. Bring wheelbarrows, shovels, and steel rakes. **ACTION: ALL Community help needed.**
 - Community engagement + fundraising team meeting at brewery to discuss local fundraising events. 4:30pm Monday, June 29.
- Fundraising report (Cheryl)

- Cmte Project Timeline updated with Community Action Grant milestones
- Bob in conversation with Maine Health folks re their potential use of the space.
- Meeting with Community Outreach committee at 4:30pm Monday, June 29 at LSG Brewery to discuss local fundraising plans/options
- Meeting with Haystack folks re Major Donor Campaign kickoff at Walker School, 4:30pm on Sunday, July 5.
- Meeting with Maine Redevelopment Land Bank folks at 4pm Wednesday, July 15 at Walker School, for walkthrough.
- The cmte continues to research grants and foundation funds for possible applications.
- Mixed Use Mgmt (Pete)
 - Small meeting last week. Reviewed paper on soliciting interest to rent from nonprofits.
 - Their summer work: Making a target list for area commercial and nonprofit businesses.
 - **ACTION: All** if you have favorite nonprofits or businesses, let them know.
 - Clarification: We don't have to only rent to nonprofits.

OLD BUSINESS

- Community Meeting (June 25 & 27) discussion
 - Review of slides for meeting & feedback provided by cmte
 - Review of questions to ask attendees & revised based on cmte's feedback
 - Get people to fill out the survey on their way out. Bring pencils.
 - Note-takers:
 - Cheryl on Thursday
 - Micah on Saturday
- Not prepared to change dates of whole committee meeting at the moment
 - Summer is hectic, but the more momentum we can keep going, the better!

MOTION to ADJOURN: 7:29pm by Harry and Pete. All in favor.