

N.S. PUBLIC FACILITIES ADVISORY TASK FORCE (PFATF) MINUTES

Monday, January 7, 2014, 6:00 PM

Primrose Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by PFATF Chair John Flaherty.

ROLL CALL: Present were John Flaherty, Paulette Hamilton, Art Bassett, Michael Johnson, Brian Vanhouwe, Tony Kopacz, Bill Connell, John Winkleman, Steve Lindberg, Rich Bellows, Marc Gagnon, Jeff Harris and Chief Stephen Reynolds. Also present were RGB team members Dave DeQuattro and Tracey Donnelly and Capt. Tim Lafferty.

Approval of Minutes 12/17/13

There were no corrections to the draft minutes. All were in agreement to accept them as presented.

Report by RGB of preliminary findings and space use options and estimates

The PFATF made progress further refining proposed plans for the renovation and re-use of Kendall-Dean and Bushee buildings. Also discussed was the repair of the Andrews School building (adjacent to middle school) for continued storage and exterior repairs to the Memorial Town Building with minor renovations of the lower level as

additional meeting space for town boards and commissions.

Preliminary discussion was took place about the decommissioning of Halliwell School and the resulting need for an addition or reconfiguration of classroom space at other existing facilities to absorb the loss.

Following discussion by Task Force members, the consultants agreed to make further revisions to the proposed floor plans for Kendall-Dean and Bushee buildings and they will be shared in advance through the google doc folder. In addition, it was discussed that the consultant would be working with school officials to compare two School Committee preferred options for resolving the absorption of classroom space to be lost by decommissioning Halliwell School, following the School Committee's meeting of 1/6.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the PFATF is still on schedule to hold a public hearing on a comprehensive facilities proposal before the Town Council on February 3rd, however, some flexibility has been built into the schedule, so it's possible that the public hearing could be shifted to February 17th if its determined that more time is needed.

Noting that the PFATF is nearing the close of its task, Mr. Flaherty asked that members mark the following dates as placeholders for the remainder of its work (subject to change).

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 - PFATF meeting to vet final proposals and forward a comprehensive recommendation to the Town Council

Monday, February 3, 2014 - Public Hearing on PFATF recommendation and projected cost amounts

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 - Potential PFATF meeting if necessary to further refine proposals based on Public Hearing feedback

Monday, February 17, 2014 - Continued Public Hearing and consideration by the Town Council

Next Meeting

January 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m., location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

John Flaherty