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Minutes – January 5, 2023

Deputy Town Clerk Stu Marckoon called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present were: Committee appointees Brett Jones, Glen Johnson, Ginger Madore, Nathan Mason, Mark Harris, Jane Fowler, Nicole Endre, Kim Martens, George “Skip” Smith; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and Select Board Chair Jo Cooper

Stu administered the oaths of office to the committee members who signed their oaths in his presence.

Each committee member briefly introduced themselves.

Officers – Chair – Stu requested nominations for chair. Jane Fowler nominated Brett Jones, Nathan Mason 2nd. **It was so voted.** Brett assumed chairmanship of the meeting

Vice Chair – Glen Johnson offered to serve. Ginger Madore nominated Glen, Skip Smith 2nd. **It was so voted.**

Secretary – Brett explained that the secretary’s job is to keep the minutes of the meeting and to keep in contact with the town office regarding scheduling and information requests. Kim Martens offered to serve. Nathan nominated Kim, Skip 2nd. **It was so voted.**

General Discussion – Brett asked if there was some charter from the Select Board in forming the committee. Jo Coper said the committee idea started with the public meeting from November at the school, and “it’s your baby now”. Stu passed out the meeting notes from that meeting. Jo said the Select Board is hoping for something that will incorporate the entire town. Nathan said the Board received some direction at the meeting and the outline of meeting notes capture that.

Kim asked about the deadlines. It was noted that a July 1, 2023 goal is included in the meeting notes.

Brett said it could be helpful to identify what needs to be done to various buildings. Jo Cooper said safety is a big concern. Nathan said parking is an issue. Jo said the November meeting discussed having a facilitator for this committee.

Brett asked if it might make sense to try to build a new school, or a new town hall/fire department combination with a community center. Jo said part of the focus is on children, community activities, programs for older people, and meeting space.

Ginger asked if there had been any new land acquisition. Brett said there has not, and nothing the town currently owns is big enough for a school campus. Ginger said it would be helpful to have a listing of the town holdings that was prepared for the community

center committee. Glen asked about zoning. Brett noted most of the town is located in the Rural and Agricultural Zone. A brief discussion followed regarding making sure any project is zoned properly.

Jo mentioned that having a facilitator would help organize the committee's approach. Nathan reviewed the history of how the town got to this point and reviewed the history of facilities discussion over the past 30-or so years. He said it's a hard task, and the town will have to pay for it. There was a discussion about available funding, the school's history and building costs.

Ginger asked about school growth. Brett said the nadir was about 90 students a few years ago, and currently the population is between 125 and 130. There was a brief discussion about school population. He noted that a new portable classroom will be arriving soon. A brief discussion followed about the July 1, 2023 deadline.

Nathan said he was curious about what each committee member was thinking. Kim said she thinks the current school campus could be utilized as a town hall and community center. A discussion followed. Nathan urged committee members to jot down their ideas and questions and to review the minutes for the November 10, 2022 meeting.

Mark Harris said he looked at the comprehensive plan which made reference to an appendix on a facilities assessment update. He said he's like to see a copy of that appendix. Stu said he would see if he could get that.

Next Meeting Dates – After a brief discussion, the committee felt it needed to meet twice a month on the Thursday evenings that the Select Board does not meet. Brett asked Stu to put together a schedule of those dates of the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

Jo thanked the committee members for serving so enthusiastically.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board