

Dover Community Center Building Committee
Meeting of April 9, 2008
Minutes

Building Committee Members Attending: David Billings, Samantha Burman, Joan Hemstreet, Dick Malcom, Alison Piper, Scott Seidman, Ford Spalding, Kathy Weld, & Dana White

Other Attendees: David Heinlein & Carol Lisbon

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM in the Town Hall Conference Room

Minutes of March 26, 2008 were accepted.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Preliminary Design Study Dover Community Center Building Report dated Sept 15, 2006 as it pertains to our charge and study going forward. We answered the following questions:

- 1) Does the report justify the need for a Community Center? To also include a Great Room & Gym? It does to the extent that it supports the community surveys of The Report of the Committee to Study the Future of the Caryl School dated March 16, 2005. The 09/15/2006 report is program driven based on the 03/16/2005 report and the current community uses of the building. The discussion did reflect the need to provide to the town further justification for a Community Center provided by this study committee.
- 2) Does the report provide us with useful information as to the number of spaces needed to meet community needs? All felt the report did an excellent job.
- 3) Does the report provide us with the information needed to determine if we should build a new or renovate to meet our perceived needs? The report does provide us with that information based on that committee's design based on program needs.
- 4) Does the report provide us with information that we can use for "guestimated" pricing? The answer is yes. There was discussion concerning the need to present space, programs and pricing for each going forward.

There was discussion on the potential for private funding of all or a portion of the Gym component. Ford Spalding, Dave Heinlein & Scott Seidman will meet with the Park & Recreation Commission to discuss this further after the town elections. Park & Rec has a 501c3 established for private fund raising.

Ford Spalding did inform the Committee that the Selectman will have on the Town Meeting warrant the request for \$75,000 for the study of a Community Center. Last years article restricted the study to the current Caryl School Building site. The Selectmen and Ford at their last meeting felt that was too restrictive based on the Sub Committee reports.

Future Meeting Dates:

April 23 Meet with Gym/Physical Activities Committee
May 14 Meet with Great Room & Public/Private Committee
May 28 Meet with Alternative Sites Committee
June 11 Discussion / Decision
June 25 Discussion /Decisions

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Ford Spalding, Chair

