

## Minutes of January 10, 2008

Alternative Sites Sub-Committee of the DCCBC

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Members present: Alison Piper, Charlie Helliwell, and Jean McDonnell; David Billings, Dick Malcolm, DCCBC; Carol Lisbon, liaison for Selectmen; Nancy Weinstein, liaison for Warrant Comm., Jane Hemstreet, COA.

Charles Helliwell reported on the use of the American Legion. The upper level is rented out daily from 3 to 8 pm for dance classes.

What can we conclude so far? Whiting Road: Parking only for 15 spots if the sheds behind the building are demolished and 3 spaces are available on the side. We do not feel that Whiting Rd. is suitable for COA or for community programs. We would not recommend major expense of money for renovations at this site. The land area is only 1/4 acre.

There is space at the library site to add an addition behind the library to meet needs of the COA. David Billing, who is an architect, contacted the Town Engineer and drew up a sketch. We were favorably inclined to relocated COA and Park & Rec to an expanded library building. Perhaps Caryl School could be turned over to a public/private partnership.

The committee favors Scenario 8 (renovating or rebuilding at the Caryl School site) and Scenario 10 (Community center addition to the library), with a preference for the library site.

Minutes of November 15, 2007 and Dec 5, 2007 were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McDonnell, clerk