

Dover Community Center Building Committee

Meeting January 7, 2008

Minutes

Present: Ford Spalding, Carol Gregory, Jane Hemstreet, Samantha Burman, Scott Seidman, Dick Malcom, Dana White, David Billings, Alison Piper, Justine Kent-Uritam, Carol Lisbon, Kathy Weld

Ford Spalding convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Representatives of the DCCBC sub-committees were present to give updates on their research to date and to plan for joint site visits to see community centers and public/private projects in some other similar towns.

Justine Kent-Uritam reported that there are a lot of public/private situations in the area and she listed a number of towns which are similar in size and make-up to Dover which have projects the committee will be looking at. There are a couple of committee members with building/development expertise who will be doing some very rough estimates on the feasibility of either commercial use of the Caryl site or housing. Justine expects to have a full report ready by mid-March.

Dana White reported that the Great Room committee's research indicates a need for a large gathering space in Dover, but not necessarily high end space. The committee plans to visit several community centers with Great Room facilities to learn how they are used.

Alison Piper's Alternative Sites committee has done detailed analysis of the 2006 usage of all available spaces in town. It appears that gym space is fully used, while small meeting space is adequate. The committee is preparing a matrix of the usage of all town-owned buildings, showing the current situation and also future possibilities. They expect to have a full report ready by March 1.

There was no representative from the Gym Committee. Ford will try to meet with Park and Rec next week to see where they are going on this.

The minutes of the Sept. 6 meeting of the DCCBC were approved.

To avoid overlap in visiting other towns' facilities, Justine will schedule dates for the Public/Private Partnership Committee and circulate them so that those interested can join them. Carol Gregory will do the same for visits to community centers with Great Rooms (Medfield, Sherborn, Chatham, Harwich).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Gregory