

**Dover Community Center Building Committee  
Meeting of March 11, 2009  
Minutes**

DCCBC members present: Dave Billings, Samantha Burman, Dick Malcom, Geoff Sauter, Nancy Simms, Ford Spalding, Nancy Weinstein, and Kathy Weld.

Also present: Park & Rec Commissioners John Budd and Rich Oasis, Director David MacTavish and Assistant Director Jess Cooney; Warrant Committee members Scott Seidman, Robyn Hunter, Jim Dawley and David Stapleton; and Selectman Joe Melican.

Chairman Ford Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Minutes of February 25, 2009 were approved as presented.

**Discussion of Athletic Facility as part of Community Center:**

Discussion began with a recent Park & Rec meeting at which members voted not to support the community center unless an athletic facility was part of the recommendation. Nancy Simms said this vote was based on Park & Rec's interpretation of the DCCBC Minutes of February 11, 2009, which stated that a gym would be included in a master plan, "but only as a future 'add-on', so as not to distract from the main focus on the more pressing renovation needs of the Caryl building", seeming to imply that an athletic facility is a non-vital element of a community center.

Park & Rec members present stated that the athletic facility is the major driving force of a community center and therefore should be an integral part of the planning and financing of a community center, not an after-thought. They believe there is need, demand and support for this, based on the number of children in their programs, as well as the potential programs for both children and adults; and based on the number of users turned away from the fields and the gyms.

Ford re-confirmed the DCCBC's full support for the inclusion of an athletic facility as part of a community center at the Caryl site. He suggested going forward that Park & Rec actively participate with the DCCBC in developing the athletic facility option: helping to demonstrate and publicize the need, getting supporters out to Town Meeting, and providing input during the next steps.

**Scope of Work Proposals for Developing Renovation Master Plan (Article 12):**

The Committee reviewed the two versions submitted by Don Mills for the scope of architectural/engineering services needed to develop a renovation master plan which would address deferred maintenance items, improve building systems, and renovate finishes. These had been requested in order to obtain a dollar amount for Article 12 of the Town Meeting warrant.

Version I provided more A&E services, most particularly the development of a schematic design and budget; it would cost \$170,000 and would require more information and constituent support than the Committee thinks it has at this point.

Version II would provide only preliminary drawings, and a preliminary budget, but not solid cost estimates. It would cost \$85,000, which is slightly more than the \$65,000 remaining from last year's warrant article.

**Warrant Articles #11 and #12:**

After much discussion, the Committee voted to withdraw Article 12 and to continue its work of answering all the questions, gathering enough detailed information, building constituent support, and developing the broad outlines of a master plan for renovation. It will use the \$65,000, as long as it lasts, for the necessary professional services.

The Committee will also make a presentation in support of Article 11, tying voter support for that article to support for keeping and refurbishing the Caryl building for use as a community center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weld  
Acting Secretary