

Long Range Planning Committee Minutes
March 12, 2009

The question was asked: Where is the LRPC going? The committee decided to brainstorm answers at the next meeting.

Geoff went to the Park and Rec meeting at which they discussed Caryl School Project and their budget. He offered the LRPC'S help to them and to the Warrant Committee. He is concerned about the unfunded pension and healthcare plans that are probably Dover's biggest budget items (after the schools) -- both are going up 10% a year versus 3% revenue increase. Should Dover explore being included in Massachusetts' health care pension plan? Joe said Dover is in a consortium of 30 towns for healthcare, and in the Norfolk County group pension plan. The middle school playfields are not being used much; the schools control the fields, but the taxpayers pay for the schools and should be able to use them.

Mark asked what our committee's mission is. Our offer of help may not be taken up by other committees. There needs to be a coordination of efforts, as the same issues keep coming up and no consistent institutional records are kept. If we met with the committees who deal with LRP and created a compendium of what they see as issues, we could write an annual report and coordinate the information available. This could be done by either having other committees come to our meeting or having LRP members go to one other committee meeting a month; or we could add more people from other committees as liaisons. Sharon will send the committee a list of all boards and committees with their meeting dates as well as for Carol's minutes from the all-chairs meeting. Joe said the metropolitan area planning board he attends could have a representative come to our meeting to discuss coordination.

The minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved 5-0 with one abstention.

The next meeting will be April 2 at 7:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grant
Acting Secretary