

**CCCBC Program, Management & Operations Subcommittee
Minutes of the Meeting - October 28, 2009**

Members present: Alison Piper, Nancy Weinstein, Kathy Weld

Also present: Selectman Carol Lisbon (at 8:30 p.m.)

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

The original purpose of this meeting was to decide how to collate and present the information which is being gathered from other community centers regarding their programs, management and operating structures, fee structures, rental policies, etc. It was noted that there seems to be a wide range in programming and operations amongst the towns for which we have information so far. The members present agreed that we should wait for the remaining surveys to be completed and for a clearer sense of direction as to goals before embarking on collating and presenting the results.

Discussion then focused on the question that we feel needs to be addressed by the full committee: What constitutes a community center in the Town of Dover at this point in time? Some of our thoughts:

- It should offer multi-generational activities and programs
- It needs to attract and accommodate younger as well as older seniors
- It should have strong cultural and civic emphasis
- It should be a place for “connections”, a place to go and see others you know, some you don’t
- It should make you feel welcome and comfortable, wanting to walk through its doors

It was noted that a useful exercise would be to name all the functions that could happen in the current small gym, as well as in the 14 classroom spaces and the other larger spaces.

There continue to be questions regarding the inclusion of a full-size athletic facility in the community center project:

- Is there a need for an additional full-size gym in town and if so, has it been sufficiently demonstrated?
- Can a full-size gym fit in the current building without compromising the other spaces in the building that are considered integral to a community center?
- Issues that might be created by having a full-size gym running tournaments: parking, traffic, crowds.
- How will the presence or absence of a gym in the community center affect the nature of the project?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weld, Chairman