

Minutes of October 17, 2007

Alternative Sites Sub-Committee of the Dover Community Center Building Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. The minutes of Sept. 20, 2007 were approved.

Members present: Alison Piper, Chair; Charlie Long; David Billings, DCCBC; Dick Malcolm, DCCBC; Carol Lisbon, liaison for Selectmen; Nancy Weinstein, liaison for Warrant Committee.

Alison Piper reported that she has not received usage data from either the Great Room or Gym sub-committee. The sub-committee discussed creation of categories that will make the data both less complicated and more useful (e.g., standard time periods v. specific, disparate times of events); Alison Piper will implement these categories in the database, while preserving raw data in case future evaluation is required.

Nancy Weinstein stated that she is waiting for information from Community Education. She also reviewed regional school scheduling policies – school groups have a priority until some point in October, when the school schedule is set; then outside groups can book spaces. The question was raised whether a school group can later bump an outside, paying group; Nancy Weinstein will research this question.

The sub-committee reviewed the usage data for the Great Hall in the Town House. During the period being studied, September 06 – August 07, the Great Hall was booked just 26 times, including 4 days reserved for the election and set up. The sub-committee discussed potential COA usage of the Great Hall for luncheons, rather than spaces in Caryl School and local churches.

Carol Lisbon and Nancy Weinstein discussed aspects of various community centers that they have recently visited.

Future tasks of the sub-committee will include:

1. gathering the rest of the usage data for publicly available spaces in Dover (Nancy Weinstein, Jean McDonnell, Charlie Helliwell, Great Room and Gym subcommittees)
2. inputting data into a database and creating reports to present to the full committee (Alison Piper)
3. visiting Whiting Road to be able to discuss potential uses of that space (all sub-committee members)

Next meeting will be Monday, November 5th, at 7:30 am, in the Town Garage, preceded by a tour of the facility, by Craig Hughes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Piper
Chair