

Caryl Community Center Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2019 @ Caryl Community Center Room 108 @ 7:30pm

Attendees:

Selectman Committee Appointees: Erin Rodat-Savla, Terry Sobolewski, & Ford Spalding

Members Absent: Amy Collins, Rich Forte & Bob Springett. Lauren Brodsky resigned as she moved out of Dover.

Committee Stakeholders: Ruth Townsend, Kim Phalen, Valarie Lin, Chris Boland, Keith Greenfield & Joanne Connolly

Other Attendees: Leslie Godfrey-Schutte, Fang Liu & Candice Sullivan

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:30pm.

The Minutes for 03/28/2019 & 05/02/2019 were voted on and approved as amended.

Erin Rodat-Savla lead us on a discussion of our Communications materials and strategy. We will be using social media & technology: Dropbox to store information, Website / Landing Page (www.carylproject.info) to host information for Dover citizens, That site will also capture questions & feedback, Facebook (Caryl Community Center Project), and Nextdoor.

We will be taping on Dover Sherborn Cable Television on May 24 a Caryl Community Center discussion program for Dover viewers. On the evening of June 4 we will host a community forum in the Town Hall Great Room. We are encouraging Stakeholders to host as many opportunities as possible for citizens to engage in conversation with the Committee & Stakeholders about Caryl.

We have already attended events like: Dover Democrats, Friends of the Performing Arts, Dover Foundation, Friends of the COA and other community events to take opportunities to engage citizens.

To date we have 70 Facebook followers, 100+ Email subscribers and 74 "unique" website hits. We have had one article in the Hometown Weekly.

We have developed "Talking Points" and a general sign up sheets to collect names & email addresses. We are collecting most asked questions and a summary of the results of all events.

A the meeting several statements were made of note: Keith Greenfield of Open Fields expressed support for a Renovated or New Caryl Community Center that must be an important part of the community. He will use his email lists to support us. Chris Boland, Park & Recreation Committee

stressed the importance of talking about Caryl and our project in terms of the "Future" not the past. We are creating a facility for the future of Dover. Talk about the functionality of the building and the programs it can support. Some stressed that it is important to talk more about the tax impact (\$360/year for a \$13m project) than the overall projected cost of \$13m. Talk about what "enhanced renovation" means as well as what "New" means.

Erin led a discussion:

What are you struggling with: How much have we spent over the last 19 years on studies? What will the new look like? There is a lack of clarity on "leaseholders". What are the student needs especially with the change in the school day? Folks want to see plans before they vote (It was explained that is the next stage if we get to it: Schematic renderings by an architect) . Current operations are an issue that needs to be resolved.

The following are our current meeting dates for 2019:

5/23, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11 & 7/25. It is understood that there are some conflicts which will need to be adjusted nearer the time.

Our next meeting date is May 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm in Room 108 of the Caryl Community Center.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ford Spalding, Chair