Selectmen's Operations Committee Meeting Minutes July 16, 2013 5:30 PM Day Hall, Colchester, CT

Call to Order
The meeting commenced at 5:45PM with the following in attendance

Board of Selectmen James Ford, Stan Soby Bacon Trustees Arthur Liverant, Deanna Giles Board of Finance – Members Absent.

Transactions

This was the organizational meeting of the subcommittee. It was decided by all that it would be unnecessary to appoint a chairman and the meeting proceeded.

Jim Ford explained the purpose for the Committee and went over the charge as approved by the full Board of Selectmen. He noted that he had attended the Board of Finance meeting and asked for two bi-partisan members to be designated to the Subcommittee. There appeared to be a conflict with dates and availability and no members were available for this date. It was agreed that designated membership from the Board of Finance was important and Stan and Jim would contact Rob Tarloy.

Deanna and Arthur gave a brief history of the Board of Trustees and explained the difficulties they were encountering. It was agreed that they will bring records to document the cost of operations for their properties to the next meeting.

It was also noted that several studies had been performed on the Bacon Trustees Properties especially Bacon Academy. These will be collected by the Board and provided to the Committee Members.

There was discussion of the various uses the buildings are put to including Alternative High School and day care, and the Senior Center,

Jim Ford indicated that he had been in touch with two historic preservation developers and they had agreed to assist the Committee. He suggested that following collection of basic information that these individuals be invited to meet with the committee. The potential for this meeting would be to look at future enhancements and rehabilitation programs might be applied to the Bacon properties to facilitate operations and maintenance. He also indicated that it would be appropriate to meet with DECD in Hartford to explore Grants and funding. Stan indicated a desire to attend such meetings

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Deanna and Arthur discussed the uses in the buildings and potential for additional expansion. The importance of the Day Care use in Day hall was stressed. Further the Alternative School program in Bacon Academy was seen as successful. The Trustees are committed to keeping such uses active in the properties.

It was agreed that the Committee would meet again at 5:30 in Day Hall on Monday July 29th. The permanent meeting day may be adjusted going forward but the intent is to meet approximately every two weeks. Jim Ford will contact Adam Turner and obtain mapping of the Village area showing properties under control of the Bacon Trustees.

The committee agreed to meet again on July 29th at 5:30PM at Day Hall.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:30 and an informal tour of Day Hall was held.

Submitted;

James W. Ford Member