



Community Facilities Planning Committee

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Community Facilities Planning Committee

Approved Meeting Notes Monday, June 23, 2008

Councilor Breen
Council Chair

Councilor Armitage
Council Vice Chair

Marsha Clark

Judith Currier

Phil Kaplan

Analiene Larson

Tim O'Donovan

Mark Soule

Steve Tenney

Committee members present: Councilor Breen, Marsha Clark, Judith Currier, Tim O'Donovan, Mark Soule, Phil Kaplan

Advisors/Town staff present: Lyn Sudlow, Lucky D'Ascanio, Al Farris, Nathan Poore, Theo Holtwijk

Councilor Breen started the meeting at 6:07 PM.

1. Meeting notes

The meeting notes of June 11th were approved unanimously as written.

2. Discussion of Committee Questions

There was a discussion on how to proceed from the last meeting: answer the questions that were raised at that time or hear what new questions members may have. How could the committee's time be best used?

Lucky gave an update of her conversation with her colleague with the Town of Gorham regarding its municipal – community programs facility and when the Town approached the public on that proposal. In essence there was very little public outreach done, before or after the Town vote. The vote itself had few people participating. The committee felt that on public outreach Gorham's approach should not be followed.

The new elementary school vote was discussed. It is scheduled for early October. People wondered what optional, locally-funded amenities the school committee was thinking of. Theresa might be able to provide insight into that at the next meeting. The school vote will be in multiple parts. Lucky mentioned a community center in South Portland has an indoor walking track.

The committee stated that it did not want to do any planning for the existing school site ahead of the school vote. Instead it wondered what the options were if the school site did not become available.

The committee then brainstormed all possible options – realistic or not - for the Town Hall function, library function, and community programs function.

The following options lists were generated:

Town Hall

1. renovate at current site, with or without community programs
2. move to Cumberland Town Hall, all or some functions
3. Move to elementary school site and renovate and/or build new
4. build new town hall with Cumberland at Route One town line
5. move to library
6. Cumberland moves in with Falmouth
7. if move, then building disposition is needed. Parking issues also exist. *
8. move to new site, alone or with others
9. do nothing

* It was recognized that any move means disposition need for the existing building, that there were historic considerations in play, and that the parking arrangements with the adjacent church do not go with the land and would have to be renegotiated by any new occupant.

Library

1. renovate and expand at current site
2. move to elementary school complex and renovate and/or build new
3. combine with Cumberland library
4. do nothing
5. move to a new site
6. move to superintendent’s office site and expand
7. if move, then building disposition is needed *

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Community Programs

1. stay at Town Hall
2. renovate Town Hall
3. renovate warming hut at Village Park (with Rotary)
4. move to elementary school complex
5. combine services with Cumberland Community Programs
6. move to library site
7. move to superintendent’s office site
8. do nothing

The group then wanted to get a sense of the top preferences. Each person rated each option 1, 3 or 5 with 5 being most preferred. The scores of committee members were then tabulated separately of those of staff.

Below is the tabulation:

| | Committee (6) | Staff (5) | Total | Overall Ranking |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Town Hall | | | | |
| 1. renovate at current site, with or | 12 | 17 | 29 | 3 |

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| without community programs | | | | |
| 2. move to Cumberland Town Hall, all or some functions | 8 | 15 | 23 | |
| 3. Move to elementary school site and renovate and/or build new | 28 | 25 | 53 | 1 |
| 4. build new town hall with Cumberland at Route One town line | 12 | 5 | 17 | |
| 5. move to library | 26 | 19 | 45 | 2 |
| 6. Cumberland moves in with Falmouth | 6 | 5 | 11 | |
| 7. if move, then building disposition is needed. Parking issues also exist. * | 5 | - | 5 | |
| 8. move to new site, alone or with others | 10 | 15 | 25 | |
| 9. do nothing | 7 | 5 | 12 | |
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| Library | | | | |
| 1. renovate and expand at current site | 15 | 17 | 32 | 2 |
| 2. move to elementary school complex and renovate and/or build new | 26 | 25 | 51 | 1 |
| 3. combine with Cumberland library | 7 | 9 | 16 | |
| 4. do nothing | 9 | 9 | 18 | |
| 5. move to a new site | 14 | 11 | 25 | 3 |
| 6. move to superintendent's office site and expand | 18 | 11 | 19 | |
| 7. if move, then building disposition is needed * | - | - | - | |
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| Community Programs | | | | |
| 1. stay at Town Hall | 16 | 15 | 31 | |
| 2. renovate Town Hall | 18 | 15 | 33 | 2-3 |
| 3. renovate warming hut at Village Park (with Rotary) | 13 | 15 | 28 | |
| 4. move to elementary school complex | 30 | 25 | 55 | 1 |
| 5. combine services with Cumberland Community Programs | 14 | 11 | 25 | |
| 6. move to library site | 11 | 13 | 24 | |
| 7. move to superintendent's office site | 16 | 17 | 33 | 2-3 |
| 8. do nothing | 6 | 5 | 11 | |

It was noted that there was much concurrence between the committee and staff and that a move to the elementary school complex seemed to be a favorite across the board. The committee realized it could not do much more planning at this time and agreed to slow down. Two activities were planned: a site visit to the Gorham complex, that Lucky will arrange (as a way to help visualize what can be done with a school renovation), and a committee meeting after the summer.

3. Next Meeting

Lucky will find out what dates work for Gorham. The next committee meeting is Monday September 15 at 6 PM in Town Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Meeting notes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, June 24, 2008