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Selectmen and School Board Joint Meeting

August 11, 2015

Selectmen: Christopher P. Shipp, Josiah H. Bartlett (absent with prior notice) Jean M. Beadle, Russell C. Wakefield (absent with prior notice), Paul T. Punturieri.

School Board: Kathy Garry, Richard Brown, Lauren Lavoie Sturgeon, Celeste Burns, Gerry Buteau

At 7:09 p.m. the joint meeting of the Select Board and School Board was called to order by Kathy Garry. The first order of business was to act on the nomination of Cody Gray to the Advisory Budget Committee. Chris Made the Motion to appoint Cody Gray to the Advisory Budget Committee. Richard Secoded the Motion. A Roll call was taken: Paul – Aye; Richard – Aye; Jean—Aye; Kathy – Aye; Chris – Aye; Lauren – Aye; Celeste – Aye, Gerry – Aye.

Next, Paul Punturieri on behalf of the UNH Feasibility Group, made a presentation updating both Boards on the progress of the Committee to date. Paul commented on the cooperative efforts to date between the School and Town Recreation Department on sharing existing gym space. The cooperative efforts to date seem to be working well this summer. Paul indicated that whether space could be available in the future for a full time summer Recreation Program had yet to be explored. Paul indicated that there continues to be open gym space on Sunday's in both Meredith and Moultonborough, but that both towns indicated that Sunday Recreation programs are not desirable.

Paul indicated that the UNH group had reviewed other facilities including the Lions Club, Camp Tecumseh, Elan printing building, and the Immaculate Conception School. In the opinion of the Feasibility Group, the only near term potential site is the Immaculate Conception school. The property has an 11,500 square foot gym currently not in use. The group has had preliminary lease discussions with the School. At this point there remains a question of whether a cost effective lease can be negotiated.

Paul indicated that next steps would include a meeting with the Center Harbor Board of Selectmen. He also suggested that a group of citizens with appropriate financial background prepare detailed analysis for both a lease of the Immaculate Conception Gym and a modest "to be built" building in Moultonborough. The analysis should be comprehensive and include all hard and soft costs associated with each scenario. The intent would be to present both options on the 2016 Town Warrant and let the public decide.

The next item included a wrap up of the ABC review of the 2015-2016 School Budget presented by Jean Beadle. The ABC continues to be concerned with declining enrollment and the District's ability to provide a world class education with the declining student population. The Committee acknowledges the efforts taken to date by both schools to address the issues. The Committee continues to stress the need for enhanced Math, Science, and Technology education.

Chris Shipp commented on the declining enrollment and population in general. He suggested that both Boards work together to put forth a marketing campaign for the community. After discussion, it was agreed that the existing subcommittee between both Boards would add this item to their agenda.

Next, Celeste Burns brought up the subject of heroin addiction in NH. She indicated that at the September Board meeting, the School Board in conjunction with the Police Chief and School Resource Officer would make a presentation to the community.

Finally, it was agreed that both Boards would formally meet twice a year in August and January. The next meeting will be hosted by the Selectmen at a Thursday meeting in January 2016.

At 8:02 p.m. the joint meeting of the School Board and Select Board ended. The Selectmen left the meeting. The School Board members proceeded with their normal monthly School Board session.

Respectfully Submitted
Jean Beadle
August 13, 2015