

Recreation Strategic Planning Team -- Minutes from 3/24/08 meeting - DRAFT

Chairperson Tom Howard called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the Recreation Center.

In attendance: Tom Howard, Chris Maroun, Larry Cotter, Freddi Gale, John McRae, Brian Eaton, Kim Mohan, Donna Kuethe, Kay Peranelli, Lisa St. Amand and Laurie Whitley.

Chairman Howard opened the meeting by saying there was no specific agenda for this meeting but an opportunity to discuss next steps.

Laurie Whitley suggested we debrief from Town Meeting. Many committee members heard from citizens who are not opposed to the Community Center but felt the timing was a problem and contributed to the failure of Article #9. Support for Article #10 did show community support for a center at some point. Feedback also included a request for more programming information in addition to facility information. The committee collectively felt there is still a need for additional education as many citizens still don't have a correct understanding of the history of the center, work done to date and the project itself.

John McRae stated (and the committee agreed) that the personal attacks against an RSPT member and her spouse on the Moultonborough Citizens Alliance website are deplorable.

A discussion on the next steps occurred. The problems with the Recreational facilities such as the fields at Playground Drive, lack of gym space, inadequate space at the current community center and weed growth at States Landing still exist. These issues still have to be dealt with despite the lack of funding from TM for Community Center.

The committee agreed that the strategic planning is complete. We are awaiting a response from the Select Board to the Strategy for 2008 to 2013 and Feasibility Study that was presented and submitted in October. Donna Kuethe would like to see this plan be a living document. The group voted to adjourn the RSPT until the need for follow up and/or additional planning is warranted. Chairman Howard will update the Select Board on this decision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.