

Action Committee Minutes  
September 11, 2012

A meeting was held on September 11, 2012, and started at approximately 5:12PM. Present were members Derek Sullivan, Frank Heath, Ellen Begley, Barry Rabinovitch and Geoff Swett.

Chairman Swett discussed whether his e-mail to members of the committee about whether to hear the presentation was a violation of the open meeting law. After explaining why he sent the e-mail, he apologized if he had violated open meeting law. Then Mr. Swett confessed that he had violated open meeting law with his e-mail.

Mr. Swett then asked a question for consideration of the members. "Can we afford to pay more and privatize transportation of school children?"

Mrs. Begley said she would like to see a RFP sent out with varying degrees of service. What should the RFP look like?

Dr. Rabinovitch agreed with Mrs. Begley that a RFP showing three levels of service should be created.

Chairman Swett asked Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Heath and Dr. Rabinovitch to work on the RFP process. The three levels of service identified were 1. current level of service, 2. Plan B with K-8 transportation with three tiers, and 3. a bare bones version only required by law.

Frank Heath disagreed with a cafeteria model and said that an apples to oranges comparison wasn't helpful.

The committee then discussed the article brought by Mrs. Begley regarding Refurbishment of School Buses in the State of Maine. Dr. Rabinovitch was asked to look into scheduling a meeting with the Maine Military Authority. The discussion continued around the cost of refurbishing the buses instead of buying new.

The third action item was asking The Capital Planning Committee to support this plan. Mr. Heath read some information on the company that did the refurbishments.

The next meeting date was set for October 2, 2012 at 5:00PM in the Selectman's Meeting Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM

Submitted by Dr. Barry Rabinovitch

