

## WASHINGTON PLANNING BOARD

### Minutes

February 18, 2010

Planning Board meeting with the Task Force members to go over their summary report, intended for a mailing out before Town Meeting.

PB Members present: Jack Sheehy, Tom Marshall, Nan Schwartz, Ken Eastman, Dennis Kelly

Task Force members present: Tom Taylor, Steve Hanssen, Steve Terani, Dennis Kelly

Public present: Rich Cook

10:00 AM called to order by Jack Sheehy.

Kelly handed out the Task Force summary document and everyone read through it.

Discussion of the document followed. Rich commented that he felt that the mention of Mont Vernon and Newbury in regard to safety were too much.

Ken asked if the summary report is different from the full report.

Dennis explained that this report summarizes the full report. The full report has all the data they gathered, drawings and interview information and more.

Rich felt it used scare tactics and was inappropriate, Dennis felt he wasn't trying to scare anyone, just give them the facts. Rich felt there shouldn't be opinion in there and it shouldn't be sent. Tom said the thought behind this is that because we are on our own in an emergency we need to put emphasis on emergency services, facilities and training as a priority. Rich said the triggers should be taken out. Jack thinks that no matter what the Task Force proposed the Selectmen would be against it. Rich thinks this is a travesty. Tom said this isn't a travesty it is just one piece of the whole picture. Basically this is what the town needs to look at along with the financial implications. Rich asked which are the buildings that are most needing work. Tom said there are two major problems – safety and the Town Hall. Steve H said space needs are driven by function. Tom asked Ken, having seen the data

and all that's gone into it, it is general, can we come up with a prioritized list and recommendations for the future. Tom feels there is nothing wrong with taking another year to figure out the true needs of the town. Ken didn't like the idea of taking another year. Tom asked Ken what the Selectmen are looking for. More discussion followed. The suggestion was made to edit the piece and keep the objectives, the conclusions and the considerations. The Task Force had another piece with tax and funding data with charts to demonstrate the effects of capital projects. The PB members felt this could be added to the other three pieces to finish the summary. It was decided they will have a cover letter, the objectives, conclusions and the considerations. Jack asked for a motion, Tom made a motion to have the Task Force edit their summary to include only the parts we agreed on and finish it up for printing, Ken seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Schwartz, Secretary,  
Washington Planning Board