

WaylandCares Review Committee - Minutes for Oct 23nd, 2013

Location: School Committee small meeting room

Called to order at 3:30 by Chairperson Gail Shapiro

Committee Members In Attendance: Gail Shapiro, Leslie Corner, Shirley Jacobson, Joe Barrett, Katie Lee

Observers: Dossie Kahn, Nancy Leifer, Betsy Meindl, Ruth

- Review of the 10/2 minutes: Leslie asked if the letter questions were what was discussed at the mtg or what Gail's questions were. Katie replied that in doing the minutes, she tried to remember the details as best she could, but if there were discrepancies, she may have noted it down wrong. Motion to accept minutes was made, seconded, and approved.
- Review of the 10/16 minutes: should reflect that Dossie Kahn was an observer at the mtg. Leslie brought up a point that was made by Joe, not her. Quote corrections were done, verbally reviewed amongst committee with corrected wording and accepted.
- Review of last mtg: broke down questions from the Selectmen into sections for committee. Some are opinion based and ok to have different people's opinions since no consensus on some topics which is perfectly fine as we are different citizens.

Chairperson Gail circulated her outline of the Selectmen's questions for members to affix their name near question/answers they could write.

Gail will send the outline of questions with names of committee members who are working on them to each individual member for them to work on.

** Draft of answers to the questions should be sent to Gail by email by Tuesday nite Oct 29th so that she can coalesce the parts and distribute at (or if possible, in advance of) the meeting on Wednesday October 30th at 5pm

- Gail reviewed that near the end of the previous meeting, it was decided not to bring together all stakeholders in town departments to ask questions at a meeting at the Town Building. Plan was proposed to have committee members, 2 people at a time, conduct interviews using agreed upon questions to ascertain if/how the three most appropriate town departments would be able to house WaylandCares under their domain since the previous Sustainability Committee proposal for a separate Town Department was voted down. Members volunteered to speak with leaders of the Town Departments: School - Leslie and Shirley, Board of Health - Gail and Joe, Youth Advisory - Gail and Joe.

- The Police Department has gone on public record already expressing that it was not a good fit to house WaylandCares.
- Katie asked if it was possible to just invite a representative from each of these 3 departments to our next meeting to possibly give 10 minutes of their time to explain their department's thoughts on these questions. Gail and Joe articulated that this may be rude to request of the department leaders who are working on their budgets now and may not be able to attend with less than one week notice. Katie acknowledged this concern, but still would like to try to have as many of the committee members take part in the question process as possible. Chairperson Gail authorized a vote on if this action should be taken or not by the committee. Katie, Leslie and Shirley voted for this action, Joe and Gail against. Chairperson Gail deputized Leslie to draft a letter to invite the three department heads to come (or send a representative) for 10 minutes some time during our next meeting, or give them the option of the original plan of meeting with 2 committee members some time soon at their convenience.
- Leslie pointed out that there was consensus amongst the committee at the last meeting that WaylandCares needs one home, then can gather contributions from other departments also. She felt that if the committee could accurately understand the concerns of the departments for having/not having it under their domain, the committee or Selectmen may be able to assist in breaking down those barriers so that there could be a departmental option for the program.
- Main Points to Selectmen Revolve around 3 main options for the program's fiscal structure:
- ONE - Wayland Cares locate under school or other Town Department with fundraising by a Friends organization such as "Friends of the Library", Wayland Boosters for sports for school, "Friends of the Council on Aging" - Observer Nancy Leifer from the Council on Aging noted how the Friends recently raised funds to use them to help the program do community projects for senior citizens in need.
- TWO - 501(c)(3) option - many pros and cons to this structure
- THREE - volunteer led organization, with or without a part-time, paid administrator. Clearly, there are many pros and cons with this structure as well. Gail and Joe voiced that many people at the Town Mtg in the summer who voted against the WaylandCares measure were asking about this fiscal option, questioning why WaylandCares was asking for so much money and questioning why it was not just done by volunteers, as is so much of the Town's work and governance.
- Committee members agreed that from the work done so far, it seemed like the first option would lead to the best sustainability hopefully, with the second and third options being less ideal for the organization.
- Observer Betsy wanted to point out that the total dollar amount in the budget requested by the previous Sustainability Committee has significant amounts in it that may not be needed or

relevant at this juncture in time so the dollar amount needed for a budget as of now, would likely be significantly less; this being a possible point during discussions with department leaders.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm by Gail and seconded by Shirley.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Lee.