

WaylandCares Review Committee - Minutes for Nov 20, 2013

Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room

Committee Members In Attendance: Leslie Corner, Shirley Jacobson, Kathryn (Katie) Lee

Observers: Heather Pineault, Dossie Kahn, Betsy Miendl, Heidi Heilman

Meeting called to order at 4:08 by Kathryn Lee.

Kathryn Lee will be the minute taker.

Shirley asked if we could move to issue an apology to any persons who may have been offended by the draft report especially by any inaccuracies or personal affronts that may have been included in the draft document that was not approved by the committee prior to its release to the public, including any insinuations that may have been made in the contents of the edited meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Katie, vote was 3/3 in favor.

Leslie reviewed the discussion at the Selectmen's meeting this week after watching the video on WayCam. Amongst the selectmen, a spirited conversation ensued with support for the work of the committee to continue. Because the submitted report had not been voted on and the majority of the members did not approve the report, some Selectmen did not want to read the submitted 102 page document. Overall, the selectmen wanted to extend the time for the committee to work, but did not want any vote to take place on the report this week if all committee members were not present. They also wanted public comment to take place regarding WaylandCares to facilitate open dialogue and transparency. They restated their charge. They were not interested in if WaylandCares is important or not. They are interested in if and how WaylandCares could be financially supported by the town in a way that makes sense to voters. They need more information from the committee on how WaylandCares could be structured and overseen in the future. The Selectmen felt that, looking at the draft document submitted, "an 80 page report is ridiculous" and "we don't want to see stones thrown."

Information we may need in order to address the Selectmen's rearticulated charge:

1. discuss with the WaylandCares Executive Committee, past Sustainability Committee
2. discuss with the Finance Committee liason and Personnel Board
3. discuss possibly with the Board of Wayland Youth and Family Services

Members present are ok drafting an entirely new document for the selectmen. Will be careful not to plagiarize any past document.

Committee members present did receive an email from Gail Shapiro expressing that she and Joe felt that their work was done and any future meetings were not legitimate in their opinion.

Members present were unclear about whether Gail Shapiro and Joe Barrett are continuing to be a part of the committee during this extension or whether they have resigned. Currently it is unclear whether the committee consists of 3 or 5 members. We need to contact John Senchyshyn as soon as able about the status of the members to ask how to proceed - whether the Selectmen would like the committee to continue as a group of 3 members or whether they want to have members added if members have resigned. Katie will email John and the entire committee to request to be on the Selectmen's meeting agenda on December 2nd, Monday if possible to clarify the issue above for structure going forward. If the acting administrator does put the committee on the agenda, we will post this information accordingly to comply with open meeting law regulations. Shirley asked if our meetings should have a Selectman liaison or not and if this will continue to be Selectman Collins. This also could be clarified at the Monday December 2nd Selectmen's meeting.

Proposed dates and time for the next regular WaylandCares Review Committee meeting are Wednesday December 4th 4:30-6 pm and/or Thursdays December 5th 7-8:30pm. Katie will send an email out to all 5 members to alert them to these possible times.

Shirley proposes that we reserve both of these times for the first week of December, holding our meeting on whichever day is best for the majority of committee members and holding a public comment time on the other day.

If able to meet on December 4th or 5th for our next meeting, the 3 members present would like to invite members of the WaylandCares Executive Committee and the past Sustainability Committee to provide information related to the charge.

Other unclear items: Because we have received an email informing us that one and possibly two members do not plan to serve on the committee past the November 13 date, any committee members (who may or may not have not officially resigned) decide to attend the public forum, would they be a part of the committee rather than in the public section as it would be a conflict of interest for them to speak as public?

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:30pm. Seconded by Shirley.

Submitted by Katie Lee.

Approved by vote at the following meeting on December 2nd, 2013.