

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Member Citizens Doug Vogel, Neva Cole, Rani Merryman. School Board Members Jaclyn Serrine and Joseph Saulnier, as well as Superintendent Ellen Small for the School District. Selectmen Jonathan Wood, Jack Barnes, as well as Town Manager Craig Wheeler, Chief David Salois, and Bill Wyner for the Town of Raymond. Sally Paradis and Sandy Ellis were present in the crowd.

Motion: Jack Barnes nominated Jonathan Wood and Joseph Saulnier as Co-Chairs for the committee, second by Jaclyn Serrine. No vote was taken as Mr. Barnes rescinded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Vogel asked why a Selectmen and a School Board member? He believes that this will not engage the town. Mr. Vogel asked if the committee needs a chair and suggested that the committee have a facilitator.

Mrs. Small stated that she did write a charge that states that a School Board member or Selectmen not be the chairperson. A copy of that proposed charge is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Merryman stated that she feels that we are limiting the number of people participating. Mr. Wood then stated that we are not limiting the public and that anyone can participate.

Mr. Wheeler went over all the shared resources among the Town and School. Mrs. Merryman asked if they were on both budgets. Both Mrs. Small and Mr. Wheeler stated that there is a line item on both budgets, but are not double charged to the town. For example: The town plows the school parking areas, and the school does include this cost in their budget since it is in the town budget already.

Mrs. Merryman asked as a shared resource what are we looking for? Mrs. Serrine stated that the committee can look at everything and bring any recommendations back to the Selectmen or School Board.

Mr. Vogel stated that he does not see a focus on a shared resource or what is a shared resources. He stated that he feels that the town does not think the two boards work together, and he stated that he would like to see more people involved and to make something happen.

Mrs. Serrine stated that from what she has seen, the two boards have worked together. She stated that she would like to see a survey. 40 or 50 people would be too many and it would be harder to see a direction.

Mrs. Paradis explained some of the issues she had to deal with in the past. She would like to see a discussion on what will happen next March and that the survey is a good idea.

Mrs. Small stated that the committee should be able to come up with a good survey and they need to reach out to as many people as possible.

Mrs. Merryman asked how we got to this point. Why can we not pay for roads to be improved?

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Mrs. Ellis stated that the state is not helping us at all anymore. Mrs. Paradis expanded on this a bit. Mr. Barnes stated that he believes people know the need, but they are also looking at taxes.

Mr. Vogel agreed with the surveys, but thinks people are frustrated that the school and town asked for more bonds. He suggested that the survey should ask what people want to spend their money on.

Next meeting is scheduled for 5-11-17.

The committee talked about who should vote/participate in the meeting. Mr. Vogel says that anybody should be able to vote. Mrs. Ellis asks if people will be allowed to just show up and vote?

Mrs. Sirrine asks how would everyone vote? That there needs to be a continuity about it. Mrs. Cole stated that she believed that everyone would participate, but only board members would be able to vote. Mr. Saulnier stated that he does not think it would be legal to allow anyone who showed up at the meeting to vote, but would like everyone to have input at anytime.

Mrs. Ellis stated that the final vote should only be taken by the appointed members. All seemed to agree with this.

Adjourned at 8:42pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Joseph Saulnier
School Board Member