

School Building Use Committee  
Meeting Minutes (2 pages)  
September 16, 2020

1. Meeting convened at 5:33 PM. Members present: Pam Porter, Robin Jenkins, Pat McGahan, Mary Sumner, Lyra Johnson-Fuller. Others present: Margaret Freeman.
2. Review of Calendar:
  - Foot Clinics are scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of every other month in the cafeteria. The next clinic is in November.
  - Flu Clinic, Oct 3
  - National Election Nov. 3.
3. Re-Opening the Building.
  - The Chair gave a report on preparations for the learning hub at the school building and the status of the Select Board's decision regarding the opening of two remote learning sites in Heath.
  - We discussed the state and town re-opening protocols that were provided by the Town Coordinator and distributed before the meeting. Members agreed to review these protocols as part of their training as essential workers. Two of our members, Lyra and Mary, already have essential worker designation because of their work with the library and the Board of Health respectively.
  - We put on hold any discussion of monitoring and managing use of the building by various community groups pending decision by the Select Board on the full re-opening of the building.
4. We discussed strategies for marketing the building and what we feel is important to share with the Select Board when we meet with them on September 29. To wit:
  - Using the building for remote learning gives us time to prepare for marketing the building when it becomes available. We need to explore online sites and look into which real estate agencies would be enthusiastic about the building's potential.
  - The Select Board needs to determine which spaces the town needs to retain for its own use and which are available
  - There are cleaning and maintenance issues that need to be addressed to make the building ready to show.
  - The Committee members expressed their strong opinion that the Select Board needs to move ahead with a decision about what portions of the building need to be reserved for town use and what it actually has to offer for marketing. The opinion was express to general agreement that by delaying the decision we are wasting time and money and allowing tensions in the town to build unnecessarily.

See attached reports from Chair and member, Pat McGahan for further detail. It was moved by Pat and seconded by Lyra and voted unanimously that the Chair should write up the Committee's concerns as a report to the SB.

5. Next meeting: After Sept. 29 meeting with the SB. We agreed that we were all feeling pretty spend by the learning hub ado and we want the SB to get on with the process of making decisions about the use of the school.

Adjournment: Moved by Pat, Seconded by Robin. Adjourned at 6:40 by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Porter, Chair