

Minutes

Town of Heath Facilities Task Force

10/9/19

- The meeting was called to order at 6:09. Members present were Dena Briggs, Jim Cerone, Bill Gran and Sue Lively. Also attending were Tim Lively and Margaret Freeman.
- Minutes from 9/20/19 were approved as written.
- Walk through of both Sawyer Hall and Community Hall were completed with assistance from Tim Lively
- Sue reported on information from the Select Board meetings. See minutes from 9/24. She also reported on two upcoming dates of interest to the Task Force. At the October 15 Select Board meeting the Fin Com will be presenting a financial report regarding the three town buildings. Also there will be an All Boards meeting hosted by the Select Board on Oct 29th. This will include a training session on open meeting laws. More information will be released soon.
- Dena reported on the MMA meeting. She felt that they still don't understand the needs of very rural towns such as Heath. They do seem to be pushing for small towns to share services.
- Select Board referenced the ASHRAE study on energy needs during a discussion on the town buildings. They felt it was something the Task Force should have. Sue will see Hilma about getting copies.
- Following our tour Dena recommended we write down our ideas for building uses but that we save discussion on them until we have gathered all of our information.
- Sue reported that the Fire Chief had stated that fire insurance cost is impacted if you are more than 5 miles from a fire station.
- Bill shared the results of the surveys from various town offices. See handout.
- It was noted that we have not collected information from the senior center and nurse. Sue will follow up on this.
- Dena will contact Brian to recommend that decisions regarding money expenditures on buildings be delayed until we have completed our work.
- Jim shared the spread sheets he had completed on Sawyer and Community Hall. We agreed to review these during the week and discuss at our next meeting.
- Jim reported on his conversation with Tom Carlson regarding the Fire Station. He does have a plan that was drawn up of possible renovations at the current site. Jim will contact him to see if he can meet with us at our next meeting to share this information.
- Bill presented a summary of a report that he and Jean have created with financial figures in it. This is being presented to the Select Board on October 15th. Jean and Bill completed charts that show current costs of our three main buildings. Fin Com completed projection charts on cost for the school. Bill also shared a tax rate analysis for fiscal year 2021 and 2022.
- Action Items

- Sue will get the ASHRAE report from Hilma
- Dena will contact Brian
- Jim will contact Tom Carlson to attend our next meeting.
- Sue will follow up on surveys from the senior center.
- All members are to review spread sheets from Jim. Please add any comments on issues that stood out during the tours.
- The next meeting will be Thursday October 17, 2019. We will begin at the Fire Station at 5:30 and then move to 18 Jacobs Road to complete the meeting. The plan is to tour both of these buildings.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:56.