

MINUTES

October 15, 2014

4:40 p.m. called to order. Chaired by Elaine Ostroff.

Present: Nancy Rioux, Jim Hartnett, David Cole, Elaine Ostroff, Gay Gillespie, Melissa Pacheco, Jim Coyne, and Jeff Bull

Absent: Ann Boxler, Sean Leach, and Jack Baughan.

1. Approve Minutes September 17, 2014

The minutes of September 17, 2014 were approved. Moved by Gay Gillespie and seconded by Nancy Rioux, unanimous.

2. Education Chapter & Workshop - Discussion with Nathan Kelly from Horsley and Witten

The committee discussed the November 15th education workshop. Nancy and Melissa updated the committee on some of the issues that are being discussed by the school committee, specifically decisions that need to be made regarding the middle school and the teacher's contract. Melissa stated that a lot of work has been done on the education chapter and the workshop should be held during a time when participants will be focused on issues identified in the chapter. Nathan Kelly from Horsley and Witten was present and noted that it may be difficult to keep participants on topic. Kelly suggested that it may be helpful if the group identified "frequently asked questions" and provided responses to these questions prior to the workshop; possibly also post on a website. He noted that the website could provide an opportunity for input. The committee discussed the possibility of regionalization and thought that this would be a question that could be addressed.

Nathan Kelly also asked about the initial presentation at the workshop and stated that sometimes it is better if the consultant does this because they are considered neutral. It was also suggested that the format may have to change for this workshop to better accommodate the participants. Nate suggested that a "pre-meeting" might be held just to air issues.

Jim Coyne moved to postpone the education workshop until sometime after the January 1st, the motion was seconded by David Cole, unanimous.

3. Report on results from September 27, 2014, Workshop

Hartnett passed out the summary report from Horsley and Witten and the committee reviewed the findings and the recommended changes. Bull noted that the transportation committee did discuss water transportation but did not feel that it should be included as an objective.

4. Discussion on October 25, 2014 Workshop, (15 min)

Hartnett stated that the bubble diagrams were being worked on by Horsley and Witten and recommended that the sub group meet the beginning of next week to review the diagrams.

6. Schedule of future meetings (5 min)

The committee agreed to meet on November 19, 2014 and December 17, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm, moved by Coyne and seconded by Hartnett.