

MINUTES OF SBAC MEETING ON JANUARY 6, 2015

SBAC MEMBERS PRESENT: B. McFall, D. Adams, S. Perlmutter, Owen Beenhouwer., T. Christenfeld, K. Basset, P. Sugar, B. Creel, V. Cannistraro, M. Pietropaolo.

SBAC MEMBERS ABSENT: G. Taylor, H. Russell

D & W REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: J. Boone, J. Richardson, D. Walter, E. Rae.

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Glass, A. Greenburg, S. Mattes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The committee discussed making its final presentation on the D&W Final Report to the School Committee on January 22, 2015. This was later moved to February 5, 2015.

The committee discussed its possible role after the D&W final report is submitted to the School Committee. It might help the School Committee get ready for Town Meeting. It might hold another Public Forum before Town Meeting. It might review and comment on a draft Statement of Interest to the MSBA before Town Meeting.

The committee was notified that the Board of Selectmen's meeting on January 12, 2015 would address where the SBAC and the Community Center Committee were in their processes and possible warrant articles from both committees for Town Meeting.

D&W reported on the status of its drafting of its Final Report. Several sections are still in the drafting stage. Dates were set for the receipt of drafts of the extant sections of the Final Report.

D&W explained that it will not be recommending a particular option because its charge was to present a range of possible options. It also explained that it would not be ranking the options it presents because it believes this is not professionally appropriate at this time, since additional feedback is needed from the town and additional work is needed on the options.

J. Glass gave an overview of initial thoughts on Town Meeting warrant articles.

- One question for the town is whether to seek MSBA funding or not. She suggested a 2/3 vote so that the MSBA sees strong town support if this article passes.
- Another question for the town is whether it will authorize money for a feasibility study. A 2/3 vote on this article was suggested for the same reason as the 2/3 vote on whether to seek MSBA funding.

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- A third question might address what the town desires to do if it does not want to seek MSBA funding. It was mentioned that this might limit the town's options to those in Families 1 and 2.
- J. Glass explained that the process is not at the point where the town has to pick an option. If the town is invited into the MSBA process, this will occur during that process. The town would be kept informed of, and its input sought on, the major decisions to be made in that process in order to try to eliminate or minimize any surprises coming out of the process.
- The need to communicate with the residents of the town about how much they are willing to spend on the school was emphasized.

It was suggested that instead of just giving the town residents the total amount for each MSBA option, the amount of the town's share should also be highlighted.

D&W reported that after investigation it concluded that Option 2G was a viable option.

All comments on the D&W draft Final Report are due to M. Pietropaolo by 1/23/15. A "wordsmithing" session on the draft D&W Final Report will be held on 1/26/15. The D&W Final Report will be submitted to the Superintendent on 1/30/15, so it can be placed in the packets for the School Committee meeting to be held on February 5, 2015.

There was a discussion about the agenda for the next SBA meeting.

B. McFall made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by V. Cannistraro. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Steven P. Perlmutter