

## Holliston Community Center Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 March, 2013

Location: Room Basement Pinecrest Room, Holliston Town Hall

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 by Carl Damigella, Chairman. Task Force members in attendance: Carl Damigella, Kristen Hedrick, Mark Ahronian, Tom O'Leary, Keith Buday, Heidi Schreuder-Gibson. Michele Goldman, and Bob Malone.  
-Audience in attendance: Kevin Conley, Holliston Town Selectman
2. Welcome new member of the CCTF: Margaret Fitzpatrick, Director of Youth and Family Services has joined the task force, but was not able to attend this meeting.
3. Public comment: there were no public comments offered.
4. Approval of 4 Feb 13 Minutes – unanimously approved.
5. Discussion of Goals, Objectives and Tasks. Kristen, Michele and Heidi have not yet developed a survey for projected needs from stakeholders including town departments and groups. It was decided not to include public works departments in this survey at this time, due to uncertainties in how the water and highway departments might merge in the future. A draft survey will be readied for review at the next meeting.
6. Community Center facilities visits. Kristen started setting up a visit to the Weston Community Center, but the planned trip on 5 March was postponed due to too many conflicts. Planning to arrange a 4pm visit the following week in Weston. Also considering Ashland, Sudbury, and Franklin (senior) centers.
7. Town location search group. Carl, Mark and Keith worked to identify candidate sites, including town land, private land for sale, and industrial buildings. Report of the search group was presented. Carl contacted local realtors who work with local commercial real estate. Some of the realtors suggested a few potential sites:
  - a) The 9-acre Barbieri property at the corner of Washington and Hopping Brook Road.
  - b) Property next to the Mini-golf course on Rt. 126 at the Ashland line.
  - c) Taylor property on Prentice Street – subdivided into 3 lots of 1.19, 2.79 and 0.93 acres. Site is very rocky and contains wetlands making construction of septic system expensive for this use.
  - d) Still looking for available commercial buildings that might be appropriate for a Community Center in town.
  - e) A Town printout listing of properties owned in Holliston greater than 5 acres was provided for review.
  - f) There was a question about the land behind Pinecrest Golf Course. Town owns 90 acres there. The land perked well enough for the Clubhouse leach field.

Could be accessed through the Pinecrest entrance, rather than by Chamberlain Street.

- g) There was a question about the 5 acres that the Town owns behind the VFW building. It is still under consideration by the Task Force. We need to ask about the need of special legislation to prevent abutter usage of sewer line if we ran a line from the 5-acre location across Woodland to the school treatment plant.
- h) There was a question about the Parada property located up the hill from Town Hall. It perked well for 32 housing units, but the location could be problematic for access by the senior population as it is on a steep hill. Could be a very expensive option.
- i) There was a question about whether Patoma was still under consideration – answer, yes.
- j) Mark Ahronian will look into the Pinecrest 90-acre location issues.
- k) Keith will look into Patoma issues.
- l) Carl will look into issues with Hopping Brook corner location.
- m) Bob Malone will check out issues and questions about the Woodland 5-acre property.

8. Other comments. The Senior Center roof is in serious condition again. After patching in the summer of 2012, the roof has started leaking again, and the building is being compromised by wet insulation and potential damage. Inaction is not considered an option because a relocation to a new Community Center would not be foreseen for at least 5 years.

Next meeting: scheduled for Monday 1 April - at 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted

By Heidi Schreuder-Gibson, Secretary of the Holliston Community Center Task Force.