

Holliston Community Center Task Force
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013
Holliston Senior Center, 150 Goulding Street, Holliston MA

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00P by Carl Damigella, Chair. Task Force members in attendance: Carl Damigella, Kristen Hedrick, Heidi Schreuder-Gibson, Bob Nemet, Bob Malone.

Also present: Kevin Conley, Selectman

It was suggested that a quorum was not present, so no formal action could be taken. (Six members required for quorum?).

2. Carl announced that he was stepping down as Chair. He suggested Heidi might be the best candidate to take over. Heidi agreed to take on the task, and was endorsed by members present.
3. Kevin was asked for public comment. He asked that the Committee report to Selectmen at their meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 16 on the progress to date, and any conclusions that have been reached.
4. Action on the minutes of August 5, 2013, were postponed due to the question of a quorum.
5. Heidi called for any updates on possible building sites. There was no further information on lease proposals for the Wilde property. Carl reported a conversation with Jay Leary that the Wilde property was “off the table” for the town. Heidi reported that the Boys/Girls Club might be interested in a new property, and that the regional YMCA was investigating a new facility. Heidi will follow up with G. Kennedy to gather more information about their plans.

There was some discussion about the need for and possibility of the town funding a new boiler/heating plant for the Flagg School. The current boiler is marginal for the upcoming heating season, and subject to possible failure. Estimated cost is \$15,000.

It was suggested that if there is some capital investment in the Senior Center (roof and parking study) and the Flagg School (boiler), that may take these buildings out of the equation for a new Community Center.

6. The tour of the Senior Center was deemed not necessary by members present.
7. Heidi spoke about the recent survey undertaken at Celebrate Holliston. Stakeholder survey results received from Vets Affairs, Recreation; Senior Center response filed.

8. There was some discussion about expanded survey data. It was suggested that seniors could be encouraged to complete the survey, and other stakeholders could be approached.
9. Next meeting has been proposed for October 21, 2013, beginning at 7:00PM, location TBD.
10. A review of membership count revealed that with 9 current members of the committee, a quorum (4 of 9 members) was present.

Action was then taken on the following: (a) Heidi moved, Bob Nemet seconded Carl's resignation as Chair accepted with thanks for service, voted unanimously; (b) Carl moved, Bob Nemet seconded Heidi as Chair, voted unanimously; (c) Carl moved, Bob Nemet seconded, voted unanimously Bob Malone as recorder.

With Bob Nemet and Bob Malone abstaining on voting on the minutes of August 5, 2013 (both were absent from that meeting) there was no quorum for action; approval postponed.

11. Action items:
 - Heidi will contact the YMCA to gather further information on their plans.
 - Heidi will try to get lease cost information on the Wilde property.
 - Kristen will extend the survey to parents.
 - Bob Malone will talk to Lina about further survey of seniors.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM (Carl moved, Bob Malone seconded).

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Robert Malone