

COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES: DRAFT January 9, 2015

PRESENT: Carolyn Bottum, Doug Carson, Renel Fredriksen, Steve Gladstone, Tim Higgins, Nancy Marshall, Dan Pereira, Dilla Tingley
Guests, Sara Mattes, Bob Domnitz (PB) – (other guests see below)

FUTURE MEETINGS: January 16, 23 and 30 at 8:30 in Selectmen's Office.

Community Groups provided input on program and space needs:

The Lincoln Minutemen – Ruth Hodges.

Current storage space at Bemis (200 sq ft) is adequate and they appreciate 24 hour access.

They meet 1/month on a Tuesday evening.

They have music rehearsals 1/week – evenings.

They desire a large space for drilling in those months when they prefer not to be outdoors.

Women's Self Defense - Jena Salon.

Would use a 900 sq ft fitness room for 13 classes per year.

LEAP – Chris Burns, Katie Hawkins, Laura Kempke.

State requirements dictate 35 sq ft indoor space per child and 75 sq ft of outdoor space.

More information about their requirements has been provided in writing. They appreciate the dedicated space they have now in Pod C – which they share with summer camp, and access to play areas.

Lincoln Historical Society – Beth Ries.

Need locked storage space for books (200 sq ft). Meeting/Program 3 times per year, daytime works well at Bemis.

Garden Club – Beth Ries. Meet once/month. No need for storage.

Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) – Carole Kasper.

60 member Board and 200 volunteers. Meet every month for 10 months/year. Smith Library Story Room is too small. Parent/Teacher courses (100-200 attendees) meet in Brooks Auditorium which is too big. 12 person core team meets once/month. Hartwell multi purpose room not available.

VOTING AT SMITH – Carole said this access to schools by the whole town is a security risk and volunteers are now used to monitor entry points. She wondered if a Community Center could be used for voting.

Lincoln Family Association - needs space for “Toddler Play Group” once /week. Pierce House is not particularly suitable.

Lincoln School Foundation – currently meets in homes, library, pods and Pierce House.

Magic Garden was not represented. Both pre schools use A and B pods. Dan Peirera pointed out that our new building should accommodate all activities currently in A and B pod.

Republican Town Committee – Stephen Binder. Meet once/month. Happy in Bemis map room. Democrats not represented, but Stephen conjectured they probably require a bigger space.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: Dilla, Doug, Carolyn and Dan continue to work on program development. They held a very productive meeting with Becky McFall and Buck Creel to assess how the schools might use a Community Center and how community activities could make use of school buildings as they approach renovation.

TRAFFIC ANALYSIS: Tim reported that the engineers have identified the safest access point if there is a new curb cut off Lincoln Road. It would require a speed hump to reduce traffic speed from 30 to 25 MPH. The report will be available in writing and on the website.

COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT TO SELECTMEN: Committee members submitted drafts for us to review before our next meeting. Future meetings will be working sessions held in Selectmen’s Office. They are open meetings but input will not be invited.

MINUTES: The revised minutes for Dec 5 and Dec 18 were approved unanimously.

Submitted by Dilla Tingley