

**TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING: Spurwink School Reuse Committee
DATE: October 5, 2016
TIME: 5:00pm
PLACE: Lower conference room: Town Hall

Welcome/Roll Call

5:02pm

James Garvin, Chair

Members present:

James Garvin
Jim Walsh
Heather Altenburg
John Voltz
Caitlin Jordan

Town Representatives present:

Greg Marles, Director of Facilities and Transportation

New Business:

Chair Garvin informed the committee that the Cape Elizabeth School Department has withdrawn their submission for using the Spurwink School for their programming.

Mr. Walsh requested that the school department comment on why they are withdrawing the CAPE HUB submission. Mr. John Holdridge gave examples what were their plans and that at this time several of those programs are already contained in the school. Mr. Howard Colter added that it is felt at this time funding such a program does not make sense for the schools.

Mr. Garvin addressed several questions about the vagueness of the CAPE HUB proposal as to the cost of operations. The committee certainly understands that the facility does need certain levels of improvement to make it operational for any new uses. Mr. Garvin also spoke on the fact that the Town Council does not want to see the building vacant. Mr. Garvin asked for the committees thoughts; could the committee recommend a collective agreement between the schools and the historical society. Mr. Walsh would like to see information on what this could look like.

Mr. John Webster addressed the committee from the Cape Elizabeth Historical Society perspective that they were not ready to "plow ahead" but the space would meet all of their needs.

Mr. Voltz indicated that he would like to hear what a joint school and historical use might look like. Ms. Jordan committed that speed is not a major concern of the Town Council but to provide a specific use from the committee. Ms. Jordan said she believe that they have 4 different options:

1. Do nothing
2. Two groups (schools and historical) work together
3. Historical Society has the facility
4. School department has the facility

Mr. Walsh agreed with Ms. Jordan that would be how he also sees the options; Mr. Walsh believes that it would well for the schools and historical work together. Additional Mr. Walsh offered to work with the two groups to help create and develop synergies for the two groups. Mr. Gavin, Ms Jordan, Mr. Voltz, and Ms Altenburg all agreed that the two groups should work together. Ms Jordan made a motion to request that the two groups work together to create a combined submission, this was seconded by Ms Altenburg. The motion passed 5 to 0 in favor.

Next Meeting dates:

November 9, 2016 6:00pm @ Thomas Memorial Library conference room

Public Comment:

11 people attended the meeting with Mr. John Webster addressing the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Jordan to adjourn; the motion passed 5 to 0

Meeting closed at 5:59pm

Respectfully Submitted

Gregory Marles, Director of Facilities and Transportation