

HEART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: for the meeting of March 1, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Michele Giarusso, Chair

Tracy Rogers, Secretary

Sharon Fontaine

Richard Fontaine

Alan Genovese

Dawn Magi

Jack Killeen

Tony Matteo

Ruth Miller

Ginger Robinson

Joseph Arsenault

Others Present:

Debbie Lynangale, Facilitator

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., after the Bernardston Selectboard meeting concluded.

Committee members introduced themselves and Debbie Lynangale, a facilitator from Community Action's Mediation and Training Collaborative, explained her role. The current grant paying for her services includes enough hours for her to attend one two-hour meeting per month through December. Should the Committee decide to meet more frequently, the number of months she can assist the Committee will shorten accordingly. She will be traveling for the next few weeks, so will be unavailable to facilitate any meetings prior to March 28th.

Member discussed whether to meet monthly or biweekly. The BEST Committee from the Mohawk District met weekly for a year, but members felt that was unsustainable. In order to maintain momentum at the beginning of the process, the Committee decided to meet biweekly at least to start, then consider meeting monthly later on. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. beginning March 15th. The March 15th meeting will be held at the Senior Center.

Jack made a motion to elect Michele as chair. The motion was seconded by Sharon and carried by a unanimous vote.

The Committee asked Ruth to provide data and trends on enrollment, revenues, expenses, etc. and to ask the Teachers' Union to appoint an elementary school teacher and a high school teacher to serve on the Committee.

Sharon made a motion to elect Tracy as secretary. The motion was seconded by Tony and carried by a unanimous vote.

The Committee agreed to operate under Roberts Rules and make decisions via voice votes.

Michele agreed to bring a set of sample ground rules with her to the next meeting.

Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dawn and carried by a unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING: March 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Bernardston Senior Center, 20 Church St.
HOMEWORK: None.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy Rogers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tracy Rogers