

HEART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: for the meeting of November 20, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Michele Giarusso

Bob Keir

Ginger Robinson

Tracy Rogers

Tony Matteo

Bill Wahlstrom

Committee Members Absent:

Joe Arsenault, Alan Genovese, Cheryl George, Jack Killeen, Sue O'Reilly McRae, Richard Fontaine

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes

Tony made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2017 meeting as written. Bob seconded the motion and it was carried by a majority vote.

Michele called Sean Powers from DOR re grants. Ruth Miller wrote an E&R application as well. Michele suggested to Sean how odd it is that we're all applying for grants, yet working in silos. Sue is arranging a meeting with Paul Mark to discuss the lack of collaboration.

Bob's Draft of District Agreement Changes

Bob incorporated comments from DESE. Section on budgeting needs to be completely rewritten, but is determined by the Education Act. Should attach the MGLs referenced as an appendix to the Agreement.

Gill-Montague Civic Leaders Meeting

Committee suggested items for Michele to mention during her meeting with the Gill-Montague Civic Leaders.

Michele had a good conversation with Pat Shearer, who encouraged the HEART Committee to keep working and to explore partnerships with others.

Expectations of Selectboards

Bob wrote a piece for the January Bernardston newsletter introducing the HEART Committee. He also emailed Jack and Joe to ask if they were going to remain members and, if so, they need to be active members; no response.

Tracy asked the Northfield Selectboard about their expectations. District Agreement and grant with other districts.

Michele asked Willie to execute an agreement to continue Debbie's services.

Michele will talk with Leyden Selectboard on Wednesday and Bob will talk with the Bernardston Selectboard in a couple of weeks.

Updates

Email address is set up.

Part-time business manager in budget at PVRs this year; SC voted last week; they asked Ruth to take a pay cut to pay for it.

December Meetings

12/6 and 12/18. Tracy will make the call to cancel the meeting if there's bad weather, since Michele can't access her personal email at work.

Adjournment

Bob moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Tony seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 6, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Northfield Town Hall, 2nd floor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Rogers", written in a cursive style.

Tracy Rogers