

HEART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: for the meeting of October 11, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Michele Giarusso
Tracy Rogers
Cheryl George

Bob Keir
Jack Killeen
Tony Matteo

Sue O'Reilly McRae
Bill Wahlstrom

Committee Members Absent:

Renee Keir, Alan Genovese, Ginger Robinson, Richard Fontaine

Others Present:

Debbie Lynangale, facilitator; Shelby Ashline, The Recorder

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting agenda/posting didn't get out on time because of the holiday. No deliberations or votes can take place.

Minutes

Tabled.

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Study Firm

Tracy will update the RFP from the minutes from last meeting.

Future Meeting Dates

Bernardston is holding a special town meeting on our next regular meeting date of 10/25. Jack moved that we meet next on 11/1. That is the night of a Northfield all boards meeting. Jack withdrew his motion. Bill will see if we can meet at PVRs 6 – 7 p.m. so Bernardston members can easily make it to their town meeting.

Updates and Reports

No one present to report on creating a Facebook page.

No update on the School Committee policy change on data gathering.

Membership – Sue is still working on recruiting Doc onto the Committee. She will ask for volunteers if there's anyone in the audience during the next School Committee meeting, which is occurring in Warwick on 10/26. Michele will check in with Alan Genovese on when he might be able to rejoin us.

Old studies – Sue sent the "20/20 Vision" report sent to everyone. That report was created by a committee of representatives from Greenfield Community College, legislators, and superintendents; not from the grassroots up like the HEART Committee. Sue also has a report from 2008, which she sent to a few members.

Bob read aloud a letter that all four selectboard chairs received from Ruth dated 9/29 stating that she would like a member from each selectboard to meet with her on 10/12 to work directly with her to

update the District Agreement. The Bernardston Selectboard discussed the letter tonight. They will write back to Ruth and say that the HEART Committee is working on this and it would be redundant. Tracy reported that the Northfield town administrator informed Ruth that no one member of the Board can meet with her; it would have to be all three; so as far as she knows the meeting never happened.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 25, 2017 6:00 p.m. at Pioneer Valley Regional High School.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rogers*