

Prescott Re-Use Committee Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2013

Chairman Halsey Platt opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Other members present were Russell Burke, Anna Eliot, Stanley Jackson, Berta Erickson, Richard Lewis, and Ellen Hargraves.

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on July 1, 2013 were approved.

Berta and Halsey met with the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee, concerning the future use of Prescott by the School Department. They were informed that it would take a number of months for the schools to determine whether they would still want to use Prescott after the date of the lease closure, September 1, 2015. It was suggested that the School Committee be contacted by our Committee once a month, and invite ourselves to meet with them at a future date.

A discussion of whether to recommend that a new RFP be put out by the Selectmen now, or wait until there is a response from the School Committee followed. Berta felt that Prescott should be used for community use, since the land was originally donated to the town for a school. There are several community uses that are possible, including a senior center and Arts Nashoba Youth Theater. Stanley agreed, and others had mixed opinions. Richard felt that an open-ended RFP should go out, while Russ felt that sending out an RFP at this point would be premature. Anna felt that all these ideas had already been covered. After further discussion, the Committee voted 5 to 2 to wait until March before making a recommendation to the Selectmen, giving the school department more time to evaluate their space needs. This will also give the Superintendent Search Committee more time to make some progress in appointing a new Superintendent.

Halsey will send a letter to the School Committee requesting a facility plan, along with the Prescott Committee's comments, to both the School Committee and Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Hargraves, Secretary of the Prescott Re-Use Committee