

Prescott Re-Use Committee Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2014

Chairman Halsey Platt opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Other members present were Anna Eliot, Berta Erickson, Richard Lewis, Stanley Jackson, and Ellen Hargraves. Also attending the meeting was Scott Harker.

The Committee approved the Secretary's minutes from the April 22nd meeting, with the amendment added.

Halsey felt it necessary to have this meeting, as it was evident at the last meeting that we were not unanimous in our viewpoints on Article 21 which concerned the potential sale or lease of Prescott School. He felt it was not a good idea to appear fractured as a Committee at the town meeting. The rest of the Committee agreed.

After much discussion concerning the ability of the town to financially continue to own the building in order to use it for community use, or sell it for commercial use, as per Gregory Yanchenko's proposal, it was decided to present the differing opinions of the Committee, and to lead the discussion of the Article once it was presented by the Selectmen.

Scott Harker stated that he felt the Committee should move the indefinite postponement of Articles 21 and 22, until such time that the town have a master plan for assessment of ongoing use of town facilities.

Halsey asked who would like to speak to the article at town meeting. It was decided that Anna, as selectman, would present the article, Greg Yanchenko would present his proposal for Prescott's purchase, Halsey would speak about the work of the Committee and his reasons for being in favor of the article, Berta would speak about wanting Prescott to continue being owned by the town and used for community use, Russ would move to have the vote postponed, and Ellen would speak about her reasons for voting in favor of Article 21. All members agreed to this plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hargraves, Secretary of Prescott Re-Use Committee