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Oversight Committee February 17, 2017 8:00am Selectman's Office

Members Present: Peter Cunningham, Mihran Keoseian, John Amaral, Greg Sheldon, Annika Nilsson Ripps, Gary Green and Halsey Platt
Others present: Mark Haddad, Kathy Shelp,

Meeting was opened by John Amaral at 8:04

The minutes were presented with a motion to accept was made by Halsey Platt and a 2nd by Peter Cunningham. 6 approve 1 abstained (Green).

John presented notes as a matter of information pertaining to meeting with the Conservation Commission. There was no discussion.

Annika Nilsson Ripps distributed a map of possible senior center sites:

- Current Site
- Country Club
- Prescott School
- Sacred Heart
- Lawrence Trust Farmers Row
- Fairgrounds Jenkins Rd.
- Boutwell School
- 32 Playground Rd
- GELD Property Station Ave

John Amaral read e-mails from Mary Jennings (format of report) and Jack Petropolous (comparable senior centers).

Chair asked audience to hold all comments until the end of the meeting and asked those comments be held to new information.

Greg Sheldon presented Draft Outline of Committee Work and Timeline which was created with Mihran Keoseian. The committee discussed the document. Kathy Shelp asked the committee to define "Community Center" as we move forward. After discussion the committee will use community center as defined by the COA Planning Committee – as adult center for community use. However, in the site comparisons where there is additional space for potential use a programming for youth this will be noted as a collateral benefit. The committee approved the document and agreed to meet at least once with their working groups prior to next Friday's meeting.

The committee discussed the eleven considered sites.

Boutwell School (parking, haz mat and parking), Florence Roache (school long range plan pending), Sacred Heart (limited space), 32 Playground Road (deed restrictions) and Fairgrounds(deed restrictions) were removed from consideration.

The committee will commence a detailed report as per the document *Committee Work and Timeline*, on the following sites;

- Current site
- Country Club
- Prescott School
- GELD Property Station Ave
- Lawrence Trust Property Farmers Row

The committee discussed an article on the warrant for Spring Town meeting. They voted to have Town Manager Mark Haddad write and submit to the committee. A motion was made by Mihran Keoseian and 2nd by Peter Cunningham. All approved.

Next meeting February 24, 8am Selectman's Room

A motion was made by Peter Cunningham to close the meeting at 10:00 and 2nd by Halsey Platt.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Shelp, COA Director