

Minutes of Dec. 1, 2008 : Facilitation of Community Choices Committee

The Committee met at the downstairs meeting room in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM

Members Present, Stan Gawle, Irvin Rhodes , Richard Spurgin , Alison Donta- Venman via telephone, Martha Hanner, Joan Golowich , Katherine Vorwerk Feldman and Bob Saul

Members Absent : Isaac Ben-Ezra, Jerry Jolly

Others Present : John Musante and Clare Bertrand

Approval of minutes : On a motion by Katherine Vorwerk Feldman and a second by Joan Golowich, the draft minutes of the Nov.25th committee minutes were approved with the following changes:

1. In the motion, after item 1, the words “ This way the Town would, at the very least, be introducing the appearance of objectivity .” were struck .
2. Under item 5 motion, strike the words “ through some combination of efficiency measures , service cuts, and new revenues”.

Final Approval of Report:

Committee members discussed the draft report and noted some problems such as the paragraph on page 50. Some members wanted more time to review the document before it was released; others asked for a methodology to be put in place to deal with wording issues .

MOTION: On a motion by Bob Saul and a second by Rich Spurgin, the committee unanimously approved the draft document and further authorized Bob and Martha to approve the minutes and the final document which would be edited by Rich. Members were asked to submit their edits to Rich . In the event that policy recommendations/ and or text not approved were found by members, the co-chairs were authorized to convene a meeting.

It was the goal of the committee that the final report would be posted at the Town website by Friday of this week .

Release of Chapter 1: There was discussion about releasing Chapter 1 to the public prior to it being presented to the Budget Coordinating Group and the Select Board. Irv recommended that we put it on line today . Stan reminded that this already was a public document and that the Select Board and BCG members had already received it via e-mail.
The committee authorized John to post it on the web site ASAP.

Public Comment: Clare Bertrand thanked the committee for its hard work , energy and time that was given and that is reflected in the document.

Meeting adjourned 9:35AM