

# Peter Fitzpatrick Feasibility Committee

March 5th, 2019 / 7:00 pm / Peter Fitzpatrick Building, 45 Main Street, Pepperell, MA

## Attendees

Craig Hansen, Dave Lavender, Grover Pillsbury, Dave Herman, April Healey, Amanda Huntington (arrived 7:35pm)

Not present: Deb Fountain, Bill Greathead, Steve Temple

## Agenda

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Meeting minutes approval for 2/5/2019. Grover Pillsbury made a motion to approve, Dave Herman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Meeting minutes approval for 2/19/2019. Dave Lavender made a motion to approve, Dave Herman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. April Healey moved to reconsider the motion not to present at Town Meeting. Dave Lavender seconded. Motion to reconsider passed unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding presenting our findings at Town Meeting. Grover expressed concerns people might contest our proposal. Craig feels we would miss an opportunity for a captive audience if we do not show our conclusions. Various concerns were raised about getting into a debate and rehashing all of the work we have done. April Healey moved to have the Chair present a short synopsis of our work and recommendation, with a photo slideshow in the background, on the condition there is no Q&A. Dave Herman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

- ❖ Craig Hansen provided the following updates to the committee:
  - Town Planner Lisa Davis was given a limited tour of the building. Ms. Davis sees viability for programs but struggled to see the sustainability of our proposal. The committee feels any technical grant money from Mass Development should be used for assessing the building and conducting a property survey.
  - Certain playground components have been found to still be under manufacturer warranty. Some parts carry lifetime and 20 year warranties. The Fitzpatrick Collaborative is investigating what it will take to repair the damaged components.
  - The town still plans to remove the portable classrooms this spring, once weather permits.
  - The Fitzpatrick Collaborative has been in contact with Friends of Pepperell Recreation regarding viability of repairing the playground and installing their planned walking/exercise path around the Peter Fitz property.

- ❖ Grover Pillsbury mentioned Charter Spectrum has a “Cares Grants” program where they provide support for programs in the communities they serve. Grover will investigate further.
- ❖ April Healey would like to give Brett Peltier a copy of the committee's final report. All agreed.
- ❖ As a committee we reviewed a draft of our committee’s final report. Various updates were made. The committee was asked to send any additional edits to the Chair over the next two weeks.
- ❖ The committee was asked to review the final report from Brett at Kirk & Company and provide any feedback by March 13th.
- ❖ Grover Pillsbury asked if those on feasibility committee were interested could they join the board of the The Fitzpatrick Collaborative. This would be a decision of TFC’s Board.
- ❖ Dave Herman reviews his findings on solar:
  - Sun Bug, Trinity, Borrego Solar were contacted. Sun Bug stated 40,000 KW form roof exposure. The roof would have to be redone prior to solar panels.
  - 2 options
    - Put all energy into the building/town buildings
    - Put all energy back into the grid.
  - Mass Renewables and NE Clean Energy are also options to consider.
- ❖ Town Clerk Jeanne Survell has expressed interest in possibly utilizing the building for elections starting in 2020. This will depend on what is ultimately decided for future use of PF and also requires filings with the state. Discussions are ongoing with Jeanne and Andrew.

April Healey makes a motion to adjourn. Dave Lavender seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

## Next Meeting

March 19th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Peter Fitzpatrick Building conference room