

July 15, 2024 meeting minutes of the Cotuit school ad hoc subcommittee

Present:

Mark Lynch

Carol Zais

Pat Lentell

Jamie Jackson

Patty Daley

John Havel

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken and the revised meeting minutes from the July 1, 2024 meeting were approved. Several corrections were proposed with respect to the July 8, 2024 meeting minutes. There were no public comments.

Mark described some additional vandalism that had occurred at the school recently. It appears that the vandals may be adults rather than adolescents. He noted that the Prudential Committee would be discussing vandalism and possible responses at its upcoming July 22, 2024 meeting. He urged subcommittee members to attend the Prudential Committee meeting and give comments during the public comments section if they desired.

Mark asked how many more meetings the group thought they needed to complete our task. Pat wanted at least a month extension. John and Jamie both indicated that we are closer to completing our task than we may think. Pat contended that the group needed more time to create a business plan. Jamie reminded him that that was not part of the subcommittee's remit.

Patty volunteered to put together a draft of our final product for discussion at the next meeting. We are contemplating a 3 to 4 page document giving the Prudential Committee recommendations to assist in writing the request for proposal for the study..

Carol inquired whether, in the event the building is

demolished, the Barnstable Land Trust could be a conservation steward for the property.

Patty indicated that she would like to add another facet to one of the rehabilitation options; she would like to have external access to the outdoors from the commercial kitchen to allow for food service, both indoors and outdoors.

Pat again indicated that we needed to be more specific in our delineation of uses for the building. Patty Carol and Jamie responded that they would have preferred a more specific identification of particular uses, but that we needed to proceed from the current status. Carol noted that while she wished the Prudential Committee would do additional community outreach, she viewed this committee as a step forward in the process.

The group scheduled another meeting for Monday, July 22, 2024 immediately following the Prudential Committee meeting which begins at 6 PM. Both the Prudential Committee and school Ad hoc subcommittee meeting will be Zoom only.

In public comments, an unidentified, villager asked us to ensure that there is sufficient parking for the Kettleers baseball games.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM