

Draft Minutes West Broad Street School Committee Meeting August 18th, 2015

Town of Stonington

West Broad Street School Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 18th, 2015 at 1900 hours

Community Room Stonington Police Station

Members Present: Kevin Burns, Dan Oliviero, John Bolduc, Thomas Matthews, Michael Spellman, and Frank Todisco by phone for Alisa Morrison, Ashley Gillece (late arrival 1920 hours) Conner Beverly (intern)

Members Absent: Lance Hamilton, Board of Finance Representative not in attendance, Paul Sartor, Bill Sternberg

1. Call to Order: Temporary Chair Spellman called meeting to order at 1903 hours
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Conner Beverly
3. Motion to appoint temporary Secretary, Mr. Burns seconded by Mr. Todisco for Mr. Spellman to record initial meeting.
4. All parties present introduced self to other Committee Members, audience of Dr. Cullen of Pawcatuck, and William Garraty of Pawcatuck present.
5. Conner Beverly accepted call to do a history presentation of the school for the committee at the next meeting.
6. Guest Speakers discussed, Mr. Todisco to avail Dr. Riley and Mr. Bill King or Mr. Ken Donovan, local Administrators may be invited based on availability.
7. The Committee was asked individually for input. Selectman Spellman thanked all for coming out on a hot humid August night. He advised he would not seek the Chairmanship of the Committee hoping for a very active committee and his schedule did not allow him the time the duty deserved. He advised the Board of Selectman expected a report with all options Town use to Sale of the property. Spellman stated he hoped a Director of Town Planning would be in place as this was a project that was a natural for the new position. He hoped a Planning and Zoning Member would be added, an Economic Development Member and a Planning Department Member. Former Board of education Chairman John Bolduc and Pawcatuck Fire Chief Kevin Burns discussed ADA concerns and previous attempts and plans at elevators. Bolduc recalled previous studies he directed as Board Chair. He described the building as structurally sound and energy efficient. Described it as a great facility potential for possible town use and other. Burns concurred with Bolduc. DPW employee Dan Oliviero described the school as part of the community fabric. Current Board of Education Chairman Todisco stated the School would serve the town well as Office space. He concurred with Oliviero that Town Hall was crowded. Former CRC member Ashley Gillece discussed means of gaining public input, letters, survey, and any correspondence manner to acquire public opinion. She and Spellman concurred a tour of the

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building was a good idea as many had not been in the facility in years. (Possible agenda item for a November meeting.)

8. Dr. Susan Cullen of Pawcatuck urged the town to compete for grants federally and at the state level. She remarked on the considerable potential of Downtown Pawcatuck. She stated the School gives appeal to the whole area. William Garrarty a High School Administrator discussed utilizing the facility for Adult Education and discussed it as viable and needed.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours Olivierio motion and Todisco seconded.