

Minutes  
Culture, History and Governance (CHuG)  
Sub-Committee  
January 8, 2009

Present: Paul Giese, Karen Keane, Jack MacLean, Harriet Todd, Peter Sugar;

We discussed the following:

- We reviewed the major goals we have been asked to submit by 1/12. Here are our near-final edits (see also minutes of 12/18 meeting):
  1. Nurturing the participatory Town Meeting form of government:
  2. Improving communication: this involves both: the dissemination of the information to the public, and inter-board and staff communication
  3. Facilitating coordination among and with Lincoln's many cultural and historic organizations while also actively working towards informing both the public and the schools of the many opportunities available to them
  4. Preserving Lincoln's cultural and historic assets and ensuring their appropriate maintenance
  5. Exploring all appropriate means, both existing and new, to fund the cost of town government
- There are subtexts – explanatory notes to be attached to each of the above major goals as recommendations for implementation. These could be taken from the working papers (Harriet's suggestion after the meeting – and expanded since) as follows:
  - 1: Governance, nos: 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 16, 21 & 22
  - 2: Governance, nos: 4, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 26, 29, 30 & 31
  - 3: C&H, nos: 1, 2, 3 & 4
  - 4: C&H, nos: 6, 7 & 8
  - Regarding point 5, this may need more discussion: with the FinCom, as recommended by Tim Higgins
- We took up again the suggestion by Bill to interview town staff. After some discussion we felt that no interviews should be conducted at this time. It was recognized, that we had some input – from Tim and others – already. At the same time, we felt that policy direction comes from the Boards and thus they need to buy into our recommendations. Once this has happened, it is important that staff input into the implementation process should be sought. (It is essential that this be included in the MP Implementation Plan.)

We did not set a date for CHuG's next meeting. The next important meeting will be an all-subcom meeting on 21 January at 7:30 PM in the Donaldson Room to review the major goals and recommendations.