

Minutes  
Culture, History and Governance (CHuG)  
Sub-Committee  
December 4, 2008

Present: Susan Brooks, Paul Giese, Sarah Cannon Holden, Karen Keane, Jack MacLean, Harriet Todd, Peter Sugar;

We discussed the following:

- The intent was to go over the draft paper we recently received from COG
- Culture and History:
  - Generally it was considered a good effort
  - It was also pointed out that there were a number of repetitious passages – it would help if there was a single place where a particular subject was tackled in detail: other places could repeat the subject but should refer the reader to the page with the more detailed description. It was felt that this would provide greater clarity and assist any reader who came to the subject for the first time
  - On the other hand the paper should not be pared down too much: it is always helpful to have as much information as possible
  - Most comments came from Jack and Peter: we agreed that we – the two of us – would continue to coordinate the commentary and then produce a single amended document with the comments which would be distributed to the rest of the committee for their final pass prior to returning the paper to COG
  - It was also suggested that it would be helpful if there was a list of abbreviations of the various organizations, boards, etc. prominently shown somewhere rather than have the abbreviations occur haphazardly throughout the paper
  - Lucretia Giese requested the opportunity to see the C&H paper (as part of the LHC) and Paul will give her a copy
- Governance:
  - This was also a good paper, with less repetitions.
  - There is no mention of the town's previous governance work (the work of the Governance committee many years ago, which should be re-visited – we thought that this was commented upon at the time we read the first draft from COG)
- PS will assemble the final comments of CHuG. All individual comments should be sent no later than next Monday – 8 December
- It was also agreed that we read the appropriate chapters of the Do Nothing Scenario, as well as the executive summary to the whole MP
- Implementation: we discussed the steps we need to take at this time and what will be left as a follow up work after the approval and submission of the MP. Some felt that we ought to do more and even talk with the various boards prior to finalizing the implementation plan. It is also recognized that we are in a serious time crunch, and all follow up work may have to be left to others taking up the reins - perhaps by the appointment (by the Selectmen or the Planning Board) of an Implementation Committee. We will await the first draft of the Implementation Plan expected from COG on 8 December, then to be discussed by the SC on 16<sup>th</sup> December
- In this context we reviewed the latest time line/schedule recently received from Mark Whitehead
- We will discuss further our thoughts on the Implementation Plan after the SC meeting of 12/16
- We briefly spoke about the recent HATS meeting where moderators from several towns were present. Some towns hold monthly breakfast meetings on a regular basis at some local café, attended by heads/chairs of boards, for an interchange of ideas. Lincoln may consider such a model

Next meeting: **7:30 AM on Thursday (note: not Wednesday) at the Library on 18 December** (to further discuss the Implementation Plan)