

Minutes of FACTS Committee of CLRP Committee

The open meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM, Thursday, May 17, 2007.

Present: Scott Dale, Tim Higgins, BJ Scheff, Bob Sutherland

Not present: Craig Donaldson, Noah Eckhouse, Fez Morse

Tim says that FACTS documents are on Town Web Site. Should be at Town, Planning Board, Master Plan, FACTS.

B-J sent late last night a summary of Fire and Police long range plan. Complete plans are being forwarded to Noah electronically for inclusion with our documents.

Still missing is a write-up on LS. Bob volunteered to contact Eric Harris of LS school committee to get something, maybe a phone interview.

Re: LS. Is LS the appropriate long term partner for Lincoln in view of issues (size and limited budget and effect of these on quality of education) over the long term. At one point, apparently there was discussion of partnering with Weston.

Why did our subcommittee get education? Each school system needs its own plan. But CLRPC needs to coordinate these with Town issues and needs.

We are missing input from DPW. Tim will expedite.

As stated before, we will ignore potential Hanscom closure. Such a possibility, if addressed, needs to be handled separately by CLRPC.

Lincoln Fire and Police are now being called more frequently to service Hanscom.

On June 19 there will be a town wide meeting at Bemis for a CLRPC status report to the Town with each subcommittee presenting briefly its 5+ key issues. The meeting will solicit from citizens ideas on what to include in the plan. We selected Noah, in his absence, to present for FACTS subcommittee.

Still undetermined: How to proceed. How to pull together information gathered.

When should we use the consultant? Early or late in our process. We felt early use of the consultant would assist us in defining the process and minimizing overlap with other subcommittees

Common themes: Staffing, Volunteer burnout, Technical support, Facilities, Finances, Regionalization

Traffic and transportation issues mentioned:

What happens if Hanscom gates are removed?
Need improved bike paths and sidewalks.
Regional bus service

South Lincoln:
Need septic solution; sewage treatment district
Land acquisition for town uses

Bob Sutherland, Acting Secretary