

Minutes of FACTS Committee of CLRP Committee

The open meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM, Friday, June 1, 2007.

Present: Scott Dale, Noah Eckhouse, Tim Higgins, Fez Morse, and Bob Sutherland.

Not present: Craig Donaldson, BJ Scheff

Steering Committee, of which Noah is a member, meets every few weeks, to guide the CLRP

Re consultant: Funds (\$95,000) are available July 1. We need consultant to keep up on track, give outside perspective of progress, gather data, and assist in drafting report.

Steering Committee has a draft RFP for consultant. Proposals expected during July; interviews in August; decision on consultant by September.

Judy Barrett has been mentioned as a possible consultant

Steering Committee plans a Community Meeting at Bemis June 19 from 7 to 9 PM. This will be a status report to the town and will help build support for the process.

Each subcommittee will make a brief presentation of its key or "Big Rock" issues. We reaffirmed our selection of Noah as spokesman.

Our issues, as recorded by Noah at the meeting and in an email, are

"Big Rocks"

- Community center
- Regional emergency planning & response times
- School population forecast and capital requirements
- Roadway condition
- High school alignment
- Highest and best use of Town owned properties & facilities
- Traffic calming, safety and roadside paths

Other topics to mention

- Water
- Size & justification of town staff and utilization

Other items mentioned:

The Lincoln Comprehensive Long Range Plan needs a financial plan for it to be useful. Many town plans lack this. Many plans lack any meaningful discussion of municipal services.

Pierce House is quaint and dysfunctional. What can we do with it?

Parking at the Library, Bemis and First Parish is a continuing issue

North Lincoln Fire/Ambulance Station (or jointly with someone)

Fire Hydrants to unserved locations

Land use planning for South Lincoln and for town owned land as a whole needs to be addressed.

Eric Harris of the LS School Committee submitted answers to our questions. I distributed his response by email to the subcommittee. His response is most helpful. Continuing the high quality of LS is important. The prospect of a viable alternative is low.

Submitted by
Bob Sutherland