

TOWN OF GILL

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COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION IN GILL MEETING MINUTES *December 18, 2008*

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present

Doff Storrow, Jenn Waldron, Joanne Wallace, Sue Sibley, Peter Conway, Joanne Rabideau, Ted Castro-Santos, Kyle Maurer, Commission members; Tracy Rogers, Administrative Assistant.

Absent

Liz Gardner, Tom Hodak, Commission members.

Commission Membership

Members introduced themselves and stated their reasons for joining the Commission. Doff discussed the possibility of having someone to co-chair the Commission with her. Jenn nominated Sue, who declined. Peter nominated Ted, who accepted. Doff seconded Ted's nomination and the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Ted as co-chair.

Selectboard/Finance Committee Letter

Commission members read over a letter from the Selectboard and Finance Committee outlining the tasks the Commission should undertake at a minimum. Other tasks or questions the group discussed included:

- Examining the cost of losing students to school choice versus gaining students through school choice
- Looking at current school choice patterns
- Examining how students attending private schools or being homeschooled affects the picture
- Talking with Pioneer, Erving, and Greenfield to see the possibility of joining their systems
- Reviewing information on the regionalization effort in 1982
- Looking at keeping K-8 in Gill
- Looking into the Extended Learning Time program that Greenfield has
- Looking at the quality of education in all alternatives via test scores, dropout rates, curriculum, etc.

- How much Gill pays per student versus Erving

Doff suggested members think about what subcommittee formations would be most helpful to carry out the tasks. Initial thoughts included:

- Alternatives
- Financial Analysis
- Process
- Demographics

Homework

At the next meeting members should have ideas about what subcommittees should be formed and which one(s) they'd like to serve on.

Joanne Rabideau volunteered to review the 1982 file on regionalization and the 1992 file from the last Commission.

Sue volunteered to attend future meetings regarding Senator Rosenberg's regionalization effort. Tracy will pass along any announcements she hears in this regard to Sue.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rogers, Administrative Assistant.

Doff Storrow or Ted Castro-Santos, Commission Co-Chair