

NOANK SCHOOL RE-USE TASK FORCE
MINUTES – November 1, 2010

- I. Roll Call
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
 - b. Members present: Peter Fairbank, Robert MacBain, Hank Steinfeld, Frank Socha, Pat Doyle, Anny Payne, Carl Reichard, Ed Stebbins, Dick McCarthy, Dan Crowley
 - c. Staff: Mark Oefinger, John Carrington, Holly Bridgham
 - d. Others: Ann Wilkinson and Valerie Speller

- II. Public Communications
 - a. Discussed letter from David Laffargue, 71 Williams Street, Noank. Many felt the request to sell pieces of the property was a bit premature and would be discussed further after the committee concludes what should be done with the property. In addition, the area requested to purchase was not specific enough.

- III. Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2010, unanimously approved.

- IV. Items of Business
 - a. Meeting Schedule – 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Next meeting is November 18th at 7:00 p.m., room TBD.
 - b. Reviewed Noank Elementary School Building and Site Analysis – much discussion followed.
 - c. Identification of Potential Reuses of Buildings and/or Grounds.
 - i. Took an impromptu, non-binding poll of committee members to see where we all stood with regards to the property. Six members thought the school should be taken down.
 - ii. Discussed potential uses for the property including sell to developer for private use, keep the land and build park(s), multi-use development and parks and recreation, use for Groton Parks and Recreation, etc.
 - d. Noank Zoning Considerations
 - i. Copy of Section 5 – Low Density Residential District (R-20) Noank Zoning Regulations distributed to all members.

- V. Other Notes
 - a. Requested actual value of building from prior appraisals.
 - b. Looked at Smith Lane and whether the road (or another road) could be added or enhanced on the property.
 - c. Requested actual costs to change into the senior center two years ago.
 - d. Many members wanted a thorough evaluation of the school for future use.
 - e. What would the impact on neighbors be for each potential use?

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.