Community School Purchase Committee
Approved Minutes
Tuesday, Sept 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Prospect Town Hall

The Community School Purchase Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Harkins at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Fred Harkins, Bill Sereduck, Marie DeLage, Chris Mariotti and John Altson.

Members Absent: Jack Geary, Richard Mortensen, Shirley Sabo and Bob Hiscox

Others Present: Tom Galvin, Chairman of the Town Council.

Approval of August 18th, 2015 Minutes:
Motion made by M. DeLage, seconded by B. Sereduck to approve the minutes of the August 18th, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Usage Update: J. Altson discussed updates to the document entitled *"Potential Uses of Prospect Community School"*. He reviewed the updates and additions/changes made per the discussion at the last meeting. M. DeLage discussed the different suggestions and requests for potential uses.

T. Galvin mentioned possibly creating separate storage areas in the bottom floor of the building and then the different organizations can bring what they need upstairs when utilizing a room for meetings or functions as opposed to organizations getting one designated room. The uses will be determined by a future committee once the purchase is finalized.

Appraiser and Inspection Update: F. Harkins stated he spoke with Teresa Graveline and asked about the inspector; they are still working on the inspection. The appraisal will not be made public until the inspection is completed. M. DeLage asked if the appraisal includes items within the building. The appraisal is based on the building "as is". B. Sereduck mentioned that the kitchen has been "stripped" so the kitchen will need to be refurnished; this will be a big expense for the town.

F. Harkins discussed e-mail from R. Hiscox discussing the Board of Education/Region 16 plan for shutting down the school, draining the pipes etc.

M. DeLage asked if the region can sell the property/building to someone other than the Town of Prospect. The Committee discussed that the region can do whatever they want with the property within the regulations. They would possibly need to apply for a zone change if needed depending on the usage of the building.

J. Altson excused himself from meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Report on Committee "List of Charges": F. Harkins reviewed the "List of Charges" and the Committee has addressed all the items.

Costs to Run Community School: B. Sereduck stated that he went to the Region 16 office and asked Pam if someone can complete the *"Community School costs to operate as Prospect Community Recreation Center"* document. The Committee reviewed the document. (See attached "Schedule A") The residents need to be aware of the estimated annual operation costs for the building. The Committee also reviewed the list of items that have been removed from the kitchen. The Committee discussed determining what it would cost to get the kitchen back up and running.

Update on Repair Costs: J. Geary was putting together an update on repairs costs; however he is not in attendance tonight.

Public Participation: none

General Discussion: B. Sereduck mentioned that the building was appraised at $474,700 in 1969 according to a letter from John Proctor dated June 17, 1981 to the Region 16 Board of Ed. members. The subject is: Equalization: Prospect vs. Beacon Falls. (This document was given to the committee at the first meeting.)

B. Sereduck stated that they are moving before the next meeting. He will be submitting a letter of resignation to the Mayor and the Committee.

M. DeLage wished B. Sereduck and his wife well and that he has been a tremendous asset to this committee and they both have been assets to the town.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by B. Sereduck, seconded by M. DeLage to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Frederick Harkins
Chairman

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