

MINUTES

GOVERNMENT CENTER PLANNING WORKING GROUP

February 17, 2016

Present: Dr. Philip Auger; Phil Bergeron; Dianne Izzo; William King; Nicole LaFontaine; Sheila McGauvran; Mary King; Gary Tedeschi

Absent: John Boscardin; Curtis Givan

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Dianne Izzo.
- II. Approval of February 3, 2016 meeting minutes: Motion to approve February 3, 2016 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
- III. Public Comment: No public comments.
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action: What do we need in order to proceed?

General discussion about assessing what both the Town and School needs are. The move to the Admin Building by Town Hall and Annex staff meets a current need, however, need to project what the long term needs are and what would be required with a new building and how best to improve upon what we currently have today. The former Admin building is still undersized and is not realistically suitable for a long term solution. Is consolidation the way to go? Would this be consolidation of Town and School or would it be consolidation of Town staff to improve efficiency? Would consolidation of School and Town be sharing location, but not services? Consensus of Group is that the building requirements should come before location.

Mr. Bergeron excused himself from the meeting at 5:45 to attend the Town Council Meeting.

Group agreed to create sub-groups to collect information/data and bring information to Group. Sub-groups are as follows:

- **Town Building Requirements:** (Phil Bergeron, Gary Tedeschi, Nicole LaFontaine)
Put together data regarding space requirements (sq footage), parking needs to house Town offices as well as information from previous research or reports that looked at improving Town Government, efficiency and future space requirements.
- **School Building Requirements:** (Mary King)
Gather data collected and used as part of the School Administration move to Quonset offices and any recent pertinent research documents.
- **Consolidation:** (Dianne Izzo, Nicole LaFontaine)
Research Comprehensive Plan for recommendations for consolidation and any references in the Plan projecting future Town or School needs; Identify factors to be considered

when deciding for or against consolidation; Research other RI cities/towns consolidation experiences (Barrington, East Providence & Narragansett).
Sub-groups will bring findings to next meeting.

- V. Future Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is March 9th, same time and location. Tentatively, Group will continue on its every two week meeting schedule (3/23 and 4/6).
- VI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn unanimously approved at 6:05 p.m.