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Strategic Planning Oversight Committee
Minutes * July 18, 2007

Present

Rosemary Driscoll, designated by School Committee
Matthew Gardner, designated by the Conservation Commission
John Heerwagen, at-large member
Bill Mayhew, at-large alternate member
David Parish Co-Chair, designated by the Board of Selectmen
George Richards, designated by the Planning Board
Craig Ross, Co-Chair, designated by the Finance Committee
Andres Rochwerger, at-large member

Absent

Terri Evans, at-large member
Harlee Strauss, at-large member

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. EDT by the Co-Chair, Mr. Ross, in the School Committee Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Town Hall, Natick, MA 01760. A quorum was present.

Item 1: Minutes

Rosemary Driscoll moved to approve minutes of June 21, 2007 as printed, Matthew Gardner seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 5-0-2 to approve the minutes.

Item 2: Invoice

Rosemary Driscoll moved to approve payment of invoice 07-015 from Blackerby Associates in the amount of \$8,550, David Parish seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 7-0-0 to approve the invoice.

Item 3: Community Survey

The Committee discussed the community survey which is currently in the field and reviewed additional places to distribute copies of the survey. Various members of the committee offered to distribute copies to locations including local neighborhood gatherings, places of worship, and the senior center. Hard copies of the survey were not yet available for distribution, but the chair will notify people when they arrive.

Item 4. Communication with Sponsoring Boards

Craig Ross reported that he addressed the Board of Selectmen on July 16 to seek approval of the Phase I document. The Board of Selectmen engaged in a lengthy discussion about the process and the particular changes made to the Phase I document by the School Committee and the Finance Committee. The Board of Selectmen voted to table any action on the Phase I document until their meeting of August 6.

Item 5. Schedule for balance of project

The SPOC engaged in a discussion of the schedule to completion of the project. Members were in agreement that extending the schedule to approximately Thanksgiving was a good strategy to assist the various sponsoring boards with creating a high quality strategic plan. The consensus of the SPOC was to extend the schedule as proposed by Mr. Parish, subject to review by Blackerby Associates.

Item 6: Other Business

None reported

David Parish moved to adjourn, Bill Mayhew seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 8-0-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.