

Minutes – 2229 Main St. Committee meeting – 2 January 2018

Present: Paul Boehm, Ray Bruttomesso, Pam Rockwell (Chair), Len Rappoli, Fred Seward, and Judy Zaunbrecher

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

There were several guests in the audience. Those guests that spoke are indicated below.

The minutes of the 11 December 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The committee reviewed the draft input for the town's Annual Report. Members' comments included ensuring that the Annual Report clearly states that the building's concrete slabs remain on the site. Additional comments were provided including ensuring that the signing of the ROD (Record of Decision) is emphasized.

Ms. Rockwell, the chair, presented the revised Draft 2018 Town Meeting Warrant Article. Based on Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting that was passed on April 14, 2015, it was moved to strike the article to request that the Select Board take steps to take the property by eminent domain.

Concerning the article related to transferring funds to be expended under the direction of the town planner, there was a discussion of whether a specific date should be added to the article. For example, to complete the development plan by the end of a specific fiscal year. The committee had added a date that was removed prior to issuance of the warrant.

With respect to the agenda item of reviewing the hearing schedule for Town Meeting, in that the dates for the hearings had not scheduled, the committee cannot determine who will attend which hearings. It was raised that on specific hearings, the committee would need to be placed on the agenda.

Ms. Zaunbrecher led a discussion on how the committee could conduct outreach to educate persons within the town regarding the 2229 Main St. property and advocate the committee's position. The discussion included providing a clear message, including the opportunity, the process, and the timing. Potential questions that may be raised should be developed, including developing a response to the question.

Ms. Karlen Reed of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Concord-Carlisle spoke about the LWV and the methods of presenting information to the LWV and her perspective of the town political process.

There was a brief discussion that the committee's webpage on the town's website should be modified/updated.

Ms. Janet Benvenuti spoke briefly that she is glad that the committee is involved. She indicated that she has the background to assist the committee. The committee urged her to get involved and fill out a green card.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Bruttomesso