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Subject: Re: Minutes and an urgent question for the Steering Committee

Folks,

Please let me know if I missed David, Clarence and Woody. I think I only heard Steve and Richard.

I remembered two other details that I've added to the notes. They are below in RED.

-Nathan

Check-in call notes - most recent at top

6/21/18:

Heidi is on vacation.

Present:

Steve Lafar, Richard Noel [David Roddy, Clarence Miller and Woody Rouse?]

Nathan Suter

Discussed:

Does the SC intend to pursue steps to include the portion of land South of the school fence and extending East to Gore Rd.? Consultants advised the SC that without that portion, the flexibility of the site is constrained, possibly to only one use (building + parking, etc.). With that portion the options are more flexible.

SC members intend to confer with Heidi B-V and approach the School Board regarding this portion.

Consultants indicate that whichever path the Town takes, this question needs to be resolved prior to the public engagement work in September so that participants are giving input on an accurate map of the parcel(s). Consultants noted that if the new portion is added, the town may need to get an environmental report for that portion also.

Other notes:

Highgate Librarian has recently resigned, possibly along with other Library staff. Library in temporary limbo for leadership.

Current Library building/ site is desirable for the adjoining gas station (should it move to a new site)

Consultants noted that despite SC concerns about cost projections for a new library (should that become part of the plan), that building a new public building comes with a certain level of unavoidable cost.

SC reports that the Elementary School library was originally imagined to be a resource for the public as well as the school.

Schools are consolidating in the future. This has raised discussions in town about whether to regain control of land that has been under the control of the school such that it may remain in control of the town (rather than the new district in the future). This includes the "Cassidy Property" playing fields off Gore Rd., North of the arena.

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