

COMSTOCK BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 23, 2008

Present: Bill Brautigam, Liz Doty, Bruce Hampson, Judy Mabley, Steve Pierce, Malcolm Whyte, Carl Yoder, Judy Zucker

Also present: Susan Bruschi, Board of Selectmen liaison; Ty Tregellas, Turner Construction Co.; Christine Finkelstein, Parks & Recreation Commission

Malcolm Whyte opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

The minutes of the October 9th meeting were unanimously approved.

Malcolm Whyte and Ty Tregellas commented on the possibility of declining construction costs over the next two-year period.

The committee discussed alternative time lines for the Comstock project. By motion duly made and seconded, the committee agreed to recommend the following to the Board of Selectmen:

- The CBC will continue to review and refine the scope of the project and will report periodically to the Board of Selectmen.
- The CBC will present its choice of architectural team and a proposed contract for the preliminary concept phase to the Council on Public Facilities for review and to the Board of Selectmen for approval in early January 2009. (Funding currently available.)
- The Board of Selectmen will request bonding authorization in the approximate amount of \$900,000 at the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting to cover additional architectural and engineering fees during the design development and construction document phases.
- The Board of Selectmen will request bonding authorization for project construction costs at the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

Steve Pierce presented a preliminary analysis of equipment proposed for the exercise area in the statement of requirements. The committee discussed the two multi-purpose rooms listed under “fitness center spaces” and alternative methods of accommodating the need for future expansion.

Malcolm Whyte began a discussion of building issues relating to the continuing short-term use of Comstock. By motion duly made and seconded, the committee agreed to recommend the following to the Board of Selectmen:

- The Board of Selectmen will authorize the hiring of a contractor to examine the Comstock heating system(s) and determine how best to increase efficiency, including consideration of isolating portions of the building that are not being used so as to eliminate waste.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Zucker