

# ***Decas Steering Committee Meeting Minutes***

Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, via Zoom Remote Meeting

## **I. Call to order**

Diane Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

## **II. Roll Call**

Members attending:

- a) Diane Kenney
- b) Jonathan Dallmeyer
- c) Tracie Williams
- d) Charles Klueber joined at 7:14PM
- e) Jody Santagate
- f) Damon Solomon joined at 7:26PM

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

Jon motions to approve the minutes from May 11, 2022. Diane seconded.

**Vote 4-0-1 to approve, Jody abstained due to absence.**

Charles motions to approve the minutes from May 18, 2022. Jon seconded.

**Vote 5-0-0 to approve**

Jody motions to approve May 26, 2022 minutes after fixing the timestamp for Damon's entrance to the meeting. Diane seconded.

**Vote 5-0-0 to approve**

## **IV. Discussion with parties interested in the Decas Project**

No parties present

## **V. Committee Member Announcements, Comments and Updates**

Jon discussed the meeting that he, Tracie, and Jody had with the Wareham Finance Committee on 6/8/2022 and the dialogue and feedback provided. The WFC felt that the budget and income numbers aren't concrete enough, the Steering Committee explained that progress is being halted by the lack of RFPs being issued so that budget numbers can't be firmed up further since we don't have any authority to make those proposals or agreements. Committees discussed condition of building, WFC suggested reaching out to school department to see what their opinion of condition was. WFC also suggested fleshing out plan to include more "nut and bolts" like how moving would be performed, and how the building would be run day to day.

Tracie discussed her attendance of the Public Safety Committee and how they are at this time still considering the Decas site but leaning towards Minot Ave as the location. There was a potential archeological site discovered at the Minot Ave location that will require further study by the Public Safety Committee. Four building plans were presented, three of which included the removal of the playing fields at Decas.

Damon clarified a point that the Wareham Tigers Association does not have fields on Charlotte Furnace Road, they use Decas fields in the Spring and the High School fields in the Fall.

## **VI. Working Group Update**

Brenda Eckstrom from the Informal Group asks to partner more closely with the Steering Committee to finish up outstanding work prior to the committee sunset and Fall Town meeting. Steering Committee to delegate tasks to help finish up.

Jon mentioned that SSCAC Head Start has received other offers for locations to move the operations to. Given there are no RFPs issued, they are getting nervous and need to plan for the next school year. Given that they were one of the largest parties interested in the building, losing them would be a huge loss to the project overall. Jon urges everyone invested in the idea to reach out to Town Administration to get the ball moving.

## **VII. Discussion and Possible Vote on Survey**

Jon introduced the latest changes made to the survey to address some of the concerns the other members had. Jody and Tracie both don't want to reopen debate, Damon concurred.

Jon motions to reconsider May 18 vote, no second. Motion failed.

### **VIII. Jones Payne Update**

Nadia provides more information on draft room data sheets. Discussion on temporary fencing installed at Decas fields by Babe Ruth. Poles may have damaged irrigation system; Dave Menard was assessing. Parking was also discussed, Damon said that during WTA games, the lots get filled and overflows onto Main Street or Redman Hall on occasion.

### **IX. Adjournment**

Jon motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:37 PM. Diane seconded.

#### **Vote 6-0-0 to adjourn meeting**

Facilitator Name

Minutes submitted by:  Jonathan Dallmeyer, Clerk

Date submitted to Town Clerk: 7/27/22