

# **Chebeague Island School Committee Workshop Minutes November 15, 2016**

## **Call to Order**

The workshop was called to order at 6:15 pm am by School Committee Chairperson Suzanne Rugh. The meeting was held as a joint workshop with the Board of Selectmen and the Chebeague Island Recreation Department. Present: School Committee members Suzanne Rugh, Beverly Johnson, and Jen Belesca; school staff Superintendent/Principal Mike Pulsifer and Pre-K teacher Nancy Earnest; Board of Selectmen members Bo Beaupre and David Hill; Town Manager Marjorie Stratton; Chebeague Island Recreation Director Kelly Rich (via speaker phone); and guests Geoff Summa and Herb Maine.

## **Continue Discussion of Current Facility Needs/Possible Future Facility Needs**

The purpose of the workshop was for the School Committee (SC), Board of Selectmen (BoS) and Chebeague Island Recreation Center (CRC) to continue to discuss any renovation or building and space needs. This was a follow up workshop to an earlier one held on October 4, 2016. It was a meeting to share and receive information, and it was general in nature, with no specific decisions being made.

**School Department:** The school department is in need of many renovations and upgrades to its school building. There are three concepts being considered at this time, with David Brunner (an architect from Chebeague Island and Seattle, Washington) assisting the SC with those design concepts. The three designs were shared with those present, along with estimated costs for each one. Many questions were generated, and some follow up will be needed to help understand the costs and concepts in better detail. The approximate project costs are in the \$1 million range, depending on finalizing a specific renovation decision. Also discussed was how to share information with the community at a public forum, and the timing if a referendum if one was to be scheduled. No firm decisions were made. In addition, it was noted that daily school functions would be impacted by construction, and the timing of a renovation would need to be given careful consideration.

**Town of Chebeague Island:** The BoS said that at some point they would like to address the needs of the town. The town offices at the Fire and Safety building need improvement, and at this point they have only informally discussed some options, but would like to specifically discuss the town's needs in the future. In addition to the town offices, it was noted that work needs to be done on the Stone Pier and on the town roads. It was briefly discussed whether a larger bond should be considered to do the town and school's needs together. It was noted that taxes need to be considered, and what a bond's impact would be on the town's citizens if funds were borrowed.

**Recreation Department:** Kelly Rich informed everyone that the main issue for the CRC is still storage space. The CRC has good building facilities and they are using the spaces adequately, but storage has been and continues to be a problem. It was discussed whether the school renovation should include storage space for the CRC as well.

**Joint Collaboration Possibilities**

At this time no decision was made for the groups to jointly collaborate on any projects, but when budget deliberations occur, more information can be shared by the SC with the BoS.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Suzanne Rugh and seconded by Beverly Jonson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion passed 3-0.