

Baldwin School Use Committee – 3/2/16

Attendance: Kurt Olafsen, Paul Thomas, Julianne Warren, Deb Boulanger, Bruce Crawford, public attendance and Mike M. from Orland

2/17/16 meeting minutes were reviewed and small revision recommended. Revision approved. Minutes post revision approved.

The Town of Orland Experience:

Brief history-Mike worked as the maintenance director when building was a school. Once the school closed, he was moved by the district to a new building. Shortly after, he was contacted by the Town of Orland, about creating the Orland Community Center. Mike works very closely with the Orland town selectman and now oversees multiple programs/businesses. The Orland Community Center has been operational for two years.

Initial steps in turning the school into the Community Center – making it clean, painting walls/trim (high school students came to paint for community service hours), changed lighting fixtures, etc. Mike stated “make the space look welcoming”

-Rec Programs:

Fitness Center – through grants and town of Orland funding, a fitness center was opened with cardio and weight equipment. A monthly or annual fee is charged.

Dance / Exercise programs

Painting classes, health/dietary classes

Volleyball/basketball/horseshoes, etc.

-Rental space – birthday parties, baby/bridal showers, retirement parties, wedding receptions, benefit dinners, etc.

-Kitchen – there is a commercial community kitchen that is rented by the day (8 hours) or by the hour. The kitchen is also available for use during parties/dinners if needed.

-Business Use - massage therapist/nail technician/photographer

Estimated Expense Account for first full year of operation: \$33K was estimated to keep the building operational AND \$54K in revenue generated.

ALL instructors that come into the Community Center must have insurance.

F.E. Wood right of Way – discussion again on moving right of way and impact it may have on the building use. It was agreed that the Committee would not make a recommendation as a whole; however, if individuals on the Committee had opinions to share they could do so on own.

Town Meeting – Kathy Pierce created a poster board with building use options and space for tally marks and/or comments, this board will be on display at the town meeting for residents to review and provide feedback.

It was also agreed that Kurt will present a brief summary of what the Committee has discussed to date

Next Steps - Meeting scheduled to meet with architect, Jeff Fleming, on 3/4/16 to discuss town office needs/plans for space

Paul Howe will be invited to attend the 3/16/16 meeting to discuss Commercial needs