

BALDWIN SCHOOL USE NOTES 01/06/2016

WE HAD A GOOD TURN-OUT FOR OUR MEETING TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH THE SCHOOL CAN BEST SERVE THIS COMMUNITY. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE OPEN MEETINGS (TRANSPARENCY) AND TO HAVE MUCH INVOLVEMENT BY YOU ALL. GROUNDWORK WAS LAID FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AND FOR THE PROCESS IN GENERAL.

THE SELECTMEN CHOSE 5 MEMBERS AND 1 ALTERNATE TO COMPRISE THE BALDWIN SCHOOL USE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR PERSON: KURT OLAFSEN

VICE-CHAIR: PAUL THOMAS

V-V-CHAIR: DONNA ESTES

SECRETARY: JULIANNE (G) WARREN

ALTERNATE SECRETARY: DEB BOULANGER

ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER: BRUCE CRAWFORD

AT THIS TIME, WE AND THE SELECTMEN ARE WORKING TO BRING THE NEWER PART OF BALDWIN SCHOOL UP TO CODE AND TO WINTERIZE THE OLDER PART. UPGRADES TO BOTH SIDES WILL BE DICTATED BY THE CHANGE OF USE (SUCH AS ADA APPROVED BATHROOMS & INSULATION ABOVE THE SUSPENDED CEILINGS) WE ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW BEST UTILIZE THE ENTIRE BUILDING – OUR ULTIMATE GOAL.

THINGS NOTED DURING TONITE'S MEETING: SOME ROOF REPAIR TO THE NEW PART OF THE BUILDING IS NEEDED. ALL SYSTEMS ARE CONTROLLED FROM ONE ROOM, LOCATED IN THE NEW PART. THERE ARE 2 SEPTIC SYSTEMS WHICH ARE ADEQUATE. JEFF FLEMING HAS BEEN THE ADVISING ARCHITECT AND HE WILL LOOK AT THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM ISSUE, WHICH IS NON-EXISTENT AT THIS TIME. MINIMAL ASBESTOS IS PRESENT IN THE OLD PART OF BALDWIN WHICH DATES BACK TO 1953. PROOF OF LIABILITY WILL BE REQUIRED BY TENANTS ONCE WE RENT OUT SPACE IN THE OLD WING. DO WE NEED A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR? THE TOWN WILL KEEP THE WALKWAYS CLEARED DURING THE WINTER RATHER THAN THE SELECTMEN SHOVELING. THE NEWER WING IS KEPT AT A TEMPERATURE OF 55/60 DEGREES. WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE PLANNING BOARD. DAWN BARRETT, A PORTER DAY CARE PROVIDER, WAS GRACIOUS TO JOIN US THIS EVENING.

THE BALDWIN USE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THE TOWN OFFICE, NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, NEEDS OF COMMERCIAL VENDERS VERSUS THE REQUIRED CODES AS WE GO FORWARD. IT WILL BE AN EXCITING TIME FOR ALL OF US. IN THE UPCOMING MEETINGS, WE WILL INVITE SPEAKERS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS TO JOIN OUR DISCUSSIONS: FOOD PANTRY, YOUTH RECREATION, SMAA, OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS. LARRY LORD WILL EXPLORE THE 'COMMERCIAL USE' SIDE OF THIS VENTURE.

THE NEW PART OF THE SCHOOL INCLUDES THE TOWN OFFICE, 4 CLASSROOMS, LIBRARY ROOM, BATH, BOILER ROOM. THE OLD PART CONSISTS OF THE CAFETERIA, KITCHEN, BATHROOMS, 4 HUGE CLASSROOMS, AND 2 SMALL ROOMS.

THE BALDWIN SCHOOL USE COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, AT 6:30PM. PLEASE JOIN US!!