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DATE: March 22, 2022
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Structural Change Impact Group

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Location – Remote Meeting on Zoom

Members present: Travis Franck, Joe Bernard, Anne Helgen, Matt Gasbarro, Vicki Amalfitano, Paul Rickter, Norma Massarotti, Aaron Pikilingis

Members absent: Mark Paolillo, Brian Antonellis, Meg Moriarty

Other attendees: none

[Meeting called to order at 8:01am by Chair Travis Franck]

Decide future meeting schedule

- Discussion ensued about future meeting schedule, including the following points:
 - The committee agreed to move Thursday morning meetings to start at 7:30am, to ensure most members can stay for two hours
 - The committee agreed to meet on Monday evenings as well, through the end of March

Discussion of Idea Matrix

- Discussion ensued about the process of updating the Idea Matrix, including the following points:
 - The final versions of the Idea Matrix and the Final Report should be in sync, including the report status, the named SCIG owner, the weighted score and its components, etc.
 - Aaron Pikilingis and Norma Massarotti will send matrix updates for their working groups to Matt Gasbarro for consolidation

Discussion of Next Steps

- Travis Franck requested that all idea write-ups be submitted to him for inclusion in the draft Final Report by Sunday, March 6

Discussion of draft Final Report

- Travis Franck shared document 'SCIG Final Report (Draft-220302)' and made edits during discussion. Review of the draft Final Report commenced, including the following:
 - Idea #304 – Town Run Liquor Store
 - The committee agreed that this write-up is good, no edits
 - Idea #309 – Road Salt vs Sand
 - The committee agreed that this write-up is good, no edits
 - Idea #312 – New Tennis Courts: Limit to One
 - Aaron Pikilingis suggested clarifying that the Town Meeting vote was to use CPA money
 - Paul Rickter suggested clarifying that the Town Meeting vote was to approve one new tennis court, rather than two
 - Norma Massarotti suggested clarifying that the new Belmont High School campus did not include plans for tennis courts

- Idea #313 – Community Engagement Committee
 - Joe Bernard suggested replacing the word “citizen” with “resident” in the Background Information
 - Aaron Pikilingis suggested naming who will own the next step to submit a proposal for creating a Community Engagement Committee
 - Joe Bernard suggested striking the sentence regarding distribution of CPA funding
- Idea #326 – Contractor Accountability
 - Aaron Pikilingis suggested adding language to the recommendation to clarify that contractor selection includes quality incident reports
- Idea #334 – Reduce Services to Town Committees
 - Norma Massarotti suggested clarifying that committees are already generating their own materials without support from Town staff
- Idea #346 – Get More Collins Center Help
 - Norma Massarotti suggested clarifying that the recommendation is based on needs and priorities versus available Collins Center resources
- Idea #363 – Charge International Students Tuition to Attend Belmont Schools
 - Aaron Pikilingis suggested clarifying in the Recommendations section that we have no further recommendations
- Idea #378 – Supplemental Tax Assessment on New Construction
 - Matt Gasbarro suggested changing the next step to reflect that this idea was discussed with the Chair of the Board of Assessors during his meeting with the SCIG working group
 - Travis Franck suggested naming who will own the next step to check in with the Board of Assessors
 - Joe Bernard suggested adding that the feedback from the Assessor and the Chair of the Board of Assessors is that they are looking into implementation within FY22
- Idea #381 – Cancel 7-8 Portion of 7-12 School
 - Aaron Pikilingis suggested clarifying the amount of the 2018 debt exclusion
 - Norma Massarotti suggested clarifying language in the statement about a surge in student enrollment
- Idea #383 – Town Rental Sites Posted on Website
 - Vicki Amalfitano suggested additional language for the Recommendations section, and moving the existing bullet points to Next Steps
 - Vicki Amalfitano suggested clarifying the next step to create a list of town facilities suitable for rentals
- Idea #384 – Bikeways to School
 - Aaron Pikilingis suggested adding the charge of the Transportation Advisory Committee into the Background Information
 - Norma Massarotti suggested clarifying that the recommendation is that the Transportation Advisory Committee should review the idea
- Idea #393 – Reduce Costs to the School District of Providing Meals to Students
 - Aaron Pikilingis suggested adding a link to the Black Earth Composting at Schools webpage
 - Vicki Amalfitano suggested language to clarify the recommendations

[Norma Massarotti left the meeting at 9:30am]

- Idea #395 – Open House of Belmont High School
 - The committee agreed that this write-up is good, no edits
- Idea #400 – Residency Checks for Students
 - The committee agreed that this write-up is good, no edits
- Idea #410 – Rebuild the Library
 - Joe Bernard suggested clarifying language that the proposed design was estimated in September 2021
 - Paul Rickter suggested adding a next step for the Library Building Committee and Select Board to determine how and when to finance construction of a new library
- Idea #38 – Public Visual Budget
 - The committee agreed that this write-up is good, no edits
- Idea #40 – Evaluate Town Services and New Master Plan
 - The committee agreed that this write-up is good, no edits
- Idea #262 – New Growth from Condo Conversion
 - The committee agreed that this write-up is good, no edits

[Vote to adjourn was unanimous; the meeting was adjourned at 10:01am]

Meeting minutes recorded by Joe Bernard