

SCHOOL TAX RATE STABILIZATION AND QUALITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 24, 2018

Members Present: Thomas Smith, Diana McGrath, Gwen Selleck, Raymond Doubleday, Craig Simpson, Cathy Colby, Michael Colby, Beth Carignan, Tim Carignan, Lori Williams, Reegan Hubbard, Jim Trudell-Selectman

Others Present: Donna Clark-AA, Selectman Bruce Beane, Selectman Steve Moscicki

Chairman Thomas Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved. Chairman Thomas Smith signed the minutes on behalf of the Committee.

Membership was again discussed. Tom Smith will reach out to Sheila Post since she has missed the last three meetings.

The group was reminded about an email from SAU 35 Superintendent Pierre Couture that was forwarded to them last week. It contained a link to a video of the recent Newport NH Education Funding Forum and advised that a similar meeting would be held at Haverhill Middle School on Sept 25th at 6:00 pm if anyone would like to attend.

The Committee members then began preparations for their Oct 2nd presentation to the townspeople of Lyman. Donna Clark confirmed the Public Informational Meeting notice appeared in the Sept 19th Littleton Courier and is posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website. Several Committee members also spread the word through social media in hopes of having a significant number of people attend the meeting.

Craig Simpson displayed the beginnings of a PowerPoint presentation for the public meeting that was based on various topics discussed since the group started meeting in mid-April, including expanding mentoring and internships, grant opportunities, additional representation on the school board, the inequity of tuition amounts paid by Landaff and Bath, and other items that are out of the town's and school board's hands such as declining state stabilization funding. The main focus of the presentation will be the cost breakdowns for Lisbon Regional School, showing that a change in the apportionment formula is the only way to correct the unfairness of the current 80/20 formula to Lyman. Decisions were made about what information to include and Craig and Tim Carignan offered to prepare additional slides and commentary for the presentation. This revised format will be forwarded to the members by the end of the week for feedback.

Jim Trudell was able to schedule an appointment for the Committee to meet with the Lisbon Regional School Board on Oct 10th at 6:00 pm to request that a warrant article for a change to the apportionment formula be placed on the 2019 Annual School Warrant. It will be necessary for the Committee to show numbers and graphs to demonstrate the inequity of the current formula and gain the support of School Board members. At the conclusion of the Public Informational Meeting, the Committee will

review comments and concerns expressed by the audience and finalize their presentation for that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting of the School Tax Rate Stabilization and Quality Education Committee will be held on October 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Lyman Town Hall prior to the 7:00 pm Public Informational Meeting

Approved:

Chairman

Date

Signed on behalf of the Committee