

City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire Mayoral Blue-Ribbon Committee

Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2022, 5:30 PM

Committee Attendees: Larry Cataldo, Lori Soloway, Peter Somssich, Elaine Apatang and William Gatchell. (Kathleen Boduch was expected to arrive after the meeting, which she did.) Fred Butts, a resident from the 3rd Ward, also attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm at the Foundry Garage by Chair Larry Cataldo.

Committee Business:

A. Elections: Larry Cataldo opened the meeting seeking nominations for three committee officer positions. After three rounds of voting, Kathleen Boduch was elected to Secretary, Elaine Apatang was elected vice-chair and Lawrence Cataldo, Chair, all by unanimous vote. Note that since Kathleen Boduch was expected to arrive after the meeting, she wrote to the chair that she would accept the position if elected.
B. Spinnaker Point Fitness Facility Issue: Peter Somssich raised an issue that there are a number of important improvements to this facility that have **not** been accomplished. At a previous CNC forum some months ago, he raised an initial concern that the fitness facility needed some major repair and upgrades. Since then, a number of improvements have been made but several major ones are still awaiting action. Specifically, the men's locker room and the indoor track do not have adequate healthy air circulation to provide a high level of air quality against illness.

   Fred Butts asked who and how many uses this facility. Peter said that not only residents from Spinnaker Point neighborhood use the facility but also senior citizens and other residents from all over the city do so. It is busy most of the year, he said. After some discussion, Peter made a motion seeking committee's support to look further into this matter, reports back to committee with his recommendations for further actions at the next committee meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting concluded at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Larry Cataldo, Chair