

Coolidge School Working Group
Meeting Minutes, 3:45 pm Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Finance Meeting Room, Town Hall, Maynard, MA

Committee Members Present:

Linde Ghere – chair

Vicki Brown Stevens

Aaron Miklosko

I. Minutes – Our meeting minutes of the Feb. 27, 2019, meeting were approved.

II. Updates from Team Members – Linde and Vicki updated Aaron on the past two meetings, including the Feb. 13 meeting with town planners. At that meeting it was decided that the best way to ready the Coolidge for the market and allow for multi-family units in it is to: 1.) obtain a permit from the Planning Board, 2.) seek a variance to allow only 2,000 square feet of property per unit rather than the currently required 5,000, 3.) set the boundary lines to separate the Coolidge building property from the rest of the land that includes the hill, playground, and ballfields; and 4.) decide maximum number of units the Coolidge should have.

- **Open Space** We all thought designating the recreational portion of the land as open space would be wise and assure its safekeeping. This zoning change could be done at town meeting.
- **Reshaping Hill** – We discussed this idea again. Aaron said he would ask town engineers to draw a sketch of what the property might look like with a built-out hill. This could be helpful in discussing this option at upcoming public meetings.
- **Number of Units** – Aaron thought eight would likely be the maximum number of units Coolidge could hold within its confines. Linde and Vicki were in consensus.
- **Walking Coolidge** – We'll meet March 26 at 5 p.m. at the Coolidge with the town engineer to consider boundary lines.

III. Public Meetings – We decided to strike the proposed March 26 meeting because of time constraints. So our current thought is that public meetings will be Thursday, April 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; and a third meeting in May. Aaron will check out informing abutters within 250 feet of the Coolidge property. We could do a reverse 911 call to inform them. Also, Vicki will work on a flyer we can post around town.

IV. Next Meeting – We'll meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in Town Hall.

V. Adjournment – About 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Brown Stevens.

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