

cs meeting 2/24/16

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Minutes from prior meeting accepted as written..

--Item B. on Agenda: CS being moved to be under town jurisdiction 7/1/16 instead of school. Times have changed. Being under the school is historical for both state (adult ed focus) and town. Outsiders won't see any difference. Most people didn't know we were under school.

There may be some changes (benefits) to employees' situations.

--Budget: Interesting process. Russell didn't present his budget to the school board. It will go through municipal budget. A change: all of the costs associated with all the cs facilities are broken out-- heating etc. Also, Employee Benefits will come under the town as well-- Russell won't really be dealing with it.

Questions: why did this change happen? Russell cited no specific reason-- Mike McGovern proposed it, and it seems to make sense. Its how it is in most other towns. Will this change affect our Pre K commitment? We don't know, hope not, not a logical trajectory.

--Fitness Center: Scott Shea asked if there is the possibility of renting the fitness center for 2:30-6 for athletic teams. Russell will ask for more information from Scott. The committee discussed different options-- the need is ever present for team fitness.

--Pool Dektron: Town Council approved and added a UV System to reduce costs and chemicals.

Current system is really a problem. Water temp can't be maintained. Pump failure, diverter valve. We will be lucky if we get to the planned August date for installation.

Long term pool issues:

1. top priority = best revenue?
2. should tax payer- pool patron take top priority?
3. should cs programming take priority? this is actually the top revenue producer
4. should ce school swim team have priority during swim season?

The crunch is mid November to mid February. Our planning needs to improve the situation in those months.

What do we value the most?

Parallel situation for ice time. What can we learn from them? How did they make choices? Falmouth hockey team pays 75% of the going rate.

Issues raised: how much does it cost to run the pool. how much should cs be on the hook for! the town council always asks are we maximizing our revenues?

A long discussion ensued about the priorities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08.