

DRAFT WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Canterbury Meeting House

October 23rd, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson, Charlie Krautmann, Jessica Treadway, Tracey LeClair, Travis O'Hara, Mark Ekberg, Cheryl Gordon and Sumner Dole

Consultant: Phil McCormack

Absent: Calvin Todd

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Review/Approval of the October 9th 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Jessica Treadway and seconded by Mark Ekberg to approve the October 9th, 2023 Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote with Cheryl Gordon abstaining due to her absence.

Public Comments

- None

Joint Working Sessions of the Majority and Minority Members

- The committee broke off into two working groups with the Majority and Minority Members working on their draft reports.

Lessons Learned for future Withdrawal Studies

As this is the third withdrawal study done for the town of Canterbury and the second year into this one, the committee felt it was important to include the following information if this were to come up again.

- Parents and Community Members should bring concerns to the School Board before pursuing the petitioned warrant article approach..
- The warrant article **MUST** include funding for educational, legal and secretarial services
- Meetings should start as early as possible in the process
- The Superintendent should have a seat at the table to hear concerns if possible.
- The committee should meet with the School Board to discuss their needs if possible
- There may be times when additional meetings are needed

NEXT STEPS

- Majority and Minority Reports are due to be submitted to the State Board of Education no later than November 1st. Randi Johnson will be submitting both reports together and will copy the committee members and Phil McCormack on the email.
 - Charlie Krautmann, will lead the finalization of the Majority Report
 - Randi Johnson, will lead the finalization of the Minority Report

- Once the reports are submitted, Randi Johnson will have documents posted on the SAU Website, and send notification of report availability to the following:
 - Canterbury
 - Town Administrator
 - Town Email
 - Town Newsletter
 - Canterbury Facebook Group
 - Canterbury Historical Society
 - Belmont
 - Town Administrator
 - Belmont Facebook Group
 - Shaker Regional School Board

- Once the reports have been submitted to the State Board of Education, we will need to wait to hear their response. If they request the committee to attend their monthly meeting, representatives from both sides as well as consultant Phil McCormack will attend based on scheduling.
- If the State Board of Education sends the reports back to the committee for additional information, Randi Johnson will reconvene the group.
- Once the State Board of Education renders their decision, this committee will cease to exist.
- If the State Board of Education approves the Majority Reports Recommendation for Withdrawal, it will then go to the voters of both towns.
 - Canterbury will vote twice, once as a town and again as a school district
 - Belmont would vote once as a school district.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:38 pm by Jessica Treadway and seconded by Travis O'Hara to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Johnson
Withdrawal Study Committee Chair