

Devens Committee (DC)

Minutes

Date: Jan. 5, 2005

Members Present: Mike Boucher, Bob Eisengrein, Phillip Crosby, David Winters

Members Absent: Daniel Saroff

Guests: Linda Foster, Mike Donabedian, Don Eriksson/Public Spirit

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes:

- Mike owes minutes of 11/15/04 meeting
- Minutes of 12/20/04 accepted as corrected for date

Devens Essential Charter School Letter

- DC letter to MassDevelopment in support of Devens Essential Charter School approved for forward by Daniel Saroff to DEAC.

Survey:

- Brief discussion of Bob/Dan summary of Q3 results
- Bob agreed to create a draft of Survey for next meeting discussion
- After our review, we will finalize the draft and send it to residents with the raw survey data
- Reviewed Dan's letter of support by DC of DEAC's school actions

DDEB Coordination Committee.

- They are seeking criteria statements from all other committees
- Mike shared a draft of one for us to consider-based on Harvard's work
- We each agreed to review & forward comments to Mike

DDEB Governance working group report by David's sub-committee

- Reviewed this work which attempted to obtain "guarantees" for Devens residents to have a voice in matters if jurisdiction went to a town(s)
- Bill Marinelli immediately stated it was illegal and the matter was referred back to sub committee
- Discussion was held on the alternatives and possibilities. David reported that the Working Group had recommended to delete the guarantee requirement. Considerable discussion followed, with a consensus that some kind of definite participation will be needed if the Devens residents are going to accept returning to one or more of the Towns await another draft.

Finance Comm.

- Mike reported on a model change to include slicing and dicing of Devens land parcels to increase model flexibility

Housing/Transportation:

- Primarily still organizing

Land Use:

- Still organizing

Communication:

- Bob sat in for Phil; they are producing an RFP for a system which is quite sophisticated and expensive
- It will be offered and discussed at the next DDEB meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Prepared by Bob Eisengrein