

Hildreth House Improvement Committee  
Minutes of the 2/10/14 joint meeting  
With the Council Aging Board  
5:30 p.m. at the Hildreth House

Members present: Laura Andrews, Richard Blinn, Pat Jennings, Connie Larrabee, Fran Nickerson, Ann Taylor. Members absent: David Vannicola

Others present: Keith Cheveralls (CPIC and School Committee chairman), COA Board, Marie Sobalvarro (Board of Selectmen chairwoman and liaison to the CPIC), Debbie Thompson (Director, Council on Aging), Lucy Wallace (Board of Selectman liaison)

COA Board co-chair Pam Frederick called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1) Capital Planning and Investment Committee criteria used that eliminated the \$3.7 million Hildreth House project from consideration this year:

Keith explained how the CPIC got started, who makes it up, how the consideration process works, and what projects they considered for FY2015.

He said that he did not support the HH project because:

- The BOS didn't support it.
- No fundraising had been done.
- Risk of a cost override was high.
- We started from an existing plan and cut costs from that, rather than starting over again.

Pat responded that some donations had been committed and that we explained that we had started over from scratch on the plan.

Marie said that she hadn't supported the project because:

- She didn't think the warrant article for \$3.7 would pass.
- It wouldn't hurt to defer the project.
- Fundraising hadn't taken place.
- She hadn't heard from constituents that there was a need to have all COA programs under one roof.

Ann asked why private fundraising needed to be done for one municipal project, but not all, for example, why HH, but not the Department of Public Works. A discussion followed about project constituencies and the best way to allocate funds.

A majority of the COA Board and the HHIC voted to replace the warrant article request for full funding of the HH project with an article for design development costs, which are estimated to be \$158,000. The funding source for the money is still an issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Laura Andrews, recorder