

School Committee/Board of Selectmen Meeting  
June 22, 2009  
Town Hall Meeting Room

Members present: Leo Blair, Lucy Wallace, Ron Ricci, Keith Cheveralls, Pat Wenger, Stu Sklar, Tom Jefferson, Lorraine Leonard, Tim Bragan

Meeting called to order by Ron Ricci at 8:47 am for purposes of discussing possible acquisition of the Getty Land.

Ron reviewed the history of the Getty Land to bring members up to date.

Leo spoke to the positive points to purchase the Getty Land for various reasons. The land is in the center of town, real estate will not always be available, various funding sources have been explored, the land could be kept as conservation land until needed and could be used for various different municipal scenarios.

The town will most likely continue with the school contract with Devens. The housing numbers at Devens are constantly changing but at present, the cap is at 282 units which will not greatly affect the school system at this point. The present town school population is decreasing but that could also turn around if the economy picks up again.

Lucy Wallace spoke to whether the town should accept this as conservation land or should they buy it outright if the plan is to use it for municipal reasons? She is concerned that the town will not support it being paid for by Conservation Commission funds if it is not going to be strictly conservation land and if the commission may have another piece of land they are looking to purchase.

The Selectmen agreed to meet with Conservation Commission to discuss the proposal. The School Committee will discuss the proposal at their next meeting to include all the members of the committee on the ongoing conversation.

The group agreed to try to organize a meeting to include Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Conservation Commission and CPC at a TBD date. Tentative date is July 9<sup>th</sup> but that will be confirmed by the BOS.

Motion to adjourn by Lucy Wallace and seconded by Leo Blair at 9:54 am.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Wenger  
Recording secretary

