WILBER SCHOOL REDEVOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes—February 14, 2005 Approved—February 28, 2005

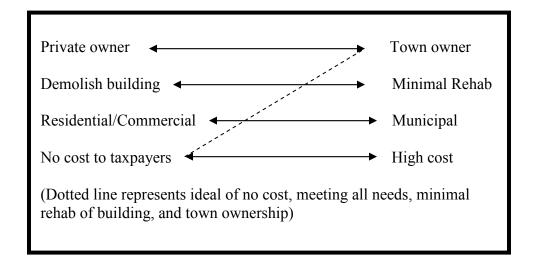
Attendance: Jim Goldsmith (Chairperson), David DePree Craig Edwards, Marcia Liebman, Melissa Mills, Reese Schroeder, Joel Tran

Guests: Shirley Schofield (45 Cottage Street), Paul Vitali (8 Valley Drive)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Jim Goldsmith.

Approval of minutes of February 7th deferred until next meeting.

David DePree pictorially summarized the decisions before the committee.



Issues:

Historic Town meeting history

SepticParkingTrafficZoningTown centerAbatementTaxesAbutters

Paul Vitali expressed concerns about who monitors appearance of building. Reese Schroeder stated that as an historical area, the historical commission monitors outside appearance.

Marcia Liebman suggested, and Jim Goldsmith agreed, that the committee make one recommendation at town meeting, but give reasons as to why other ideas were rejected. Jim pointed out that there is no "right" recommendation—just a recommendation that town meeting will accept or reject. Jim suggested that we look up the last vote on the Wilber School at (?) the May 2000 town meeting.

Joel Tran recommended that the March 7th meeting be a way to get opinions of the town. We can summarize the meeting in a newspaper article and proceed from there. Reese Schroeder noted that the 3/7 won't be representative of the town population—attendees will be those who usually attend meetings and those directly involved.

It was noted that demolition of the Wilber building will mean changing the area from an historic district, which can only be done at town meeting.

The flyer for the March 7th meeting was reviewed and comments made.

The next letter to the neighborhood was reviewed and will be hand-delivered by committee members. Please meet at the back of the Wilber School at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 27th to pick up your assignment.

Future meetings:

February 21—cancelled, as too many committee members will be away February 28—plan 3/7 meeting (who presents what, AV's needed) March 7—meeting to be held in Sharon High School Auditorium. Jim Goldsmith to confirm tomorrow that room is booked and meeting will be televised.

David DePree/Melissa Mills moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia C. Liebman