

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

Saturday, January 8, 2005

Silas Deane Middle School

Chairperson Peter Gardow called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. In attendance was Ralph Karanian, Linda Avery, Claudio Capone, and Leigh Standish. Also in attendance was Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager.

The Committee reviewed the Vision Statement that was put together in the last Strategic Plan. Claudio Capone said that parts of the current Vision Statement should really be a part of the Mission Statement, especially the last four items. He also said that the Vision Statement should be for the Town Government; it is their tool.

Linda Avery felt that the 5 points/titles that are incorporated in the current Strategic Plan should be mentioned in the Vision Statement.

Discussions ensued on what should be incorporated in the Vision Statement. The final draft Statement is attached. Claudio Capone said that it is important that the Vision Statement be kept simple for people to remember.

The Committee then developed a Mission Statement for the Town. Attached is the final draft of this Statement.

The Committee proceeded to focus on updating the plan, focusing on section Goals and Objectives.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien left the meeting at 12 noon.

The following Sections of the plan were reviewed and updated: Economic Development, Environmental Concerns, Government Process & Structure. Two additional Sections were created: infrastructure & Community Aesthetics. Social Concerns was tabled for a forthcoming meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM