

Rink Feasibility Committee Minutes

6/13/24 5:30-6:30pm

In attendance: Ann Steuernagel, Jan Cole, Karen Foss, Pete Gaudette, Rick Gaudette, Allen Clark, Chris Dube, Stephen Schwartz

Regrets: Trevor Presby, Carol Wills

Meeting Convened: 5:35 PM

Business Discussed:

- The committee reviewed all talking points from the prior meeting to give all a chance to weigh in on each point.
- Discussed involvement consulting about the proposed solar array. It was confirmed that the solar array would provide enough power to cover the rink.
- The committee discussed the roof again and discussed what could happen with solar if there was no roof. A document that had been received from Jennifer Opalinski (that she received from rink experts) was referenced. It explicitly said that a roof was a necessary component to the refrigerated rink.
- Discussed ground solar as an alternative but location /lack of space is a concern for additional ground solar.
- Talked about the financials from Fenton Arena that they received which helped them create a simple budget for the proposed rink.
- Discussed appreciation for the proposal, and was thankful that people were trying to come up with ideas to help the town. It was mentioned that a refrigerated rink in town would be great but that the proposed location was not the right place for it and the that it would not be responsible to the tax payers for the town to run it.
- It was expressed that out of respect for the Opalinskis, the committee needed to come to a decision and get it to the BOS sooner than later.
- All agreed that a letter would be drafted and that all would need to read and sign off before it was sent.

- A request was made to make sure that the letter was not negative but that it expressed the committee's gratitude for coming up with ideas to help the town.
- All agreed.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45pm