

Minutes of the Pelham Regional School District Planning Committee

March 21st, 2019, 10:30 A.M.

Pelham Library History Room

2 South Valley Road, Pelham, MA 01002

In attendance: Emily Marriott (Chair), Tom Fanning, Cara Castenson (recorder)

The meeting was called to order by Emily Marriott at 10:40 A.M. Cara Castenson moved to approve the minutes of 3-14-19 and Tom Fanning seconded, after which they were approved unanimously.

New and continuing business:

The Pelham RSDPC will continue working on slides for the Two Town Meeting presentation. Mr. Fanning would like to see simple, accurate, clean spreadsheets that would be easy to understand by first-time viewers. Ms. Marriott concurred, and would like to see a higher-level overview for the meeting presentation, including the one-time split, division of future costs, and a simple example (using the assessment by agreement method prepared by Mr. Abrahams).

The committee also discussed the need for process information about developing a budget and agreeing on yearly assessments in a two-town region; all agreed that the material needs to be clear and easily understandable.

The committee went on to discuss the contents of a financial pros/cons slide re: regionalization, with pros including savings, stability, and additional MSBA reimbursements, and cons including the need for two-town approval.

The committee then worked together to synthesize information into slides for the presentation, including graphic representations of financial and governance impacts of regionalization.

Cara Castenson moved to adjourn, Tom Fanning seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 A.M.