

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Avon Board of Selectmen

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

Present – Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman
Brinsley A. Fuller, Vice-Chairman
Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Matthew V. Moore, Associate

Present – Avon Board of Selectmen

Francis Hegarty, Chairman
Robert Brady
Steven Rose

In attendance: William J. Phelan, Town Administrator, Town of Holbrook
Michael McCue, Town Administrator, Town of Avon

The joint meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322.

Members of the Boards of Selectmen discussed submitting a joint application to study the feasibility of school regionalization in order to provide more information to the residents of both towns. The low enrollment in Avon and the projected low and declining enrollment by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for Holbrook were cited. It was discussed that low enrollment prohibits the school departments from providing the opportunities available in larger districts. It was discussed that the town meetings in each town voted against forming a regionalization study committee. Board members explained that at the time those votes were taken, the residents did not have any information before them, and this feasibility study would gather the information necessary in order to make an informed decision.

A motion was made and seconded to submit a joint grant application to the state Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE) to fund a feasibility study for regionalization of grades 7 to 12 or 9 - 12 in the Towns of Avon and Holbrook. Six (6) members voted in favor; Two (2) voted against (Mr. Moore and Mr. Rose).

The meeting was adjourned.

Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk