

**Shutesbury Board of Selectmen at the
Regional School District Planning Committee
At the Crocker Farms Elementary School, West St., Amherst
Wednesday July 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Select Board members present: Chairwoman Elaine Puleo and member Al Springer.

Regional School District Planning Committee members present: Chairman Andy Steinberg, Shutesbury members Michael DeChiara, Elaine Puleo and Rebecca Torres, Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools Superintendent Maria Geryk and Business Manager Rob Detweiller, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Regional Services and Innovations Manager Wendy Foxmyn, and committee representatives from the towns of Amherst, Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury, and Leslie Bracebridge recording.

The meeting opened at 7:05 P.M.

Topics

1. 7:05 to 7:30 PM tour of Crocker Farms School
 - Led by Crocker Farms Principal Michael Morris
2. 7:30 to 7:50 PM summary of the values and functions of the Crocker Farms School and questions and answers session led by Principal Michael Morris.
3. 7:50 PM to adjournment officiated by Chairman Andy Steinberg:
 - A. Elect a Secretary Treasurer: Michael DeChiara “self-nominated” for the position.
 - **The Committee unanimously voted Michael DeChiara as Secretary-Treasurer.**
 - B. Michael DeChiara led a discussion based on a proposed timeline of the committee’s work:
 - Tight timeline in places, such as getting the RFP out at the end of August 2012.
 - March 2013: The Committee decides whether or not to go forward.
 - What is the Model? When will it be decided?
5. Full group discussion of role of consultant and how the models will be chosen and vetted out.
6. What educational efficiencies can be gained by regionalization?

Select Board Action Items

1. Selectmen did not discuss anything with each other and made no decisions.

The Select Board **adjourned at 9:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bracebridge
Administrative Secretary