Legislative Task Force Meeting Minutes 9.14.2023

7:00 PM Call to order – Chair Jim MacEachern

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Councilor James MacEachern, Councilor Erin Spencer, School Board Member Michael Thiele, School Board David Clapp, State Representative David Milz, State Representative Jodi Nelson, State Senator Regina Birdsell, Town Clerk Tina Guilford

School Update – Free and Reduced lunch status update. The staff is working to connect with families that they can identify as maybe in need and providing them with paperwork on online link to application. Retaining funds for specific building purposes in addition to building aid is needed. Current retained funds are capped at 5% of net district assessment.

Legislative Update – Jodi Nelson is working on a delegation letter for additional funds for special needs education from the Federal Government. Jodi is also working on a bill for epi-pen usage in schools to make that easier for children with allergies.

Discussion on South Range versus Derry Village and the pluses and minuses of each school and the status of the reorganization plan being undertaken by the school board.

Meeting ADJORNED by

Adjourn: 7:57 PM

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for December 14.

Minutes by: Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk