

*****February 18, 2017*****

The Signal Mountain School Viability Committee held their first meeting on Saturday, February, 18, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

Those present were: Mayor Chris J. Howley
Council Member Amy Speek
Committee Member Thomas Peterson
Committee Member Tom McCullough
Committee Member Amy Wakim
Committee Member Susan Speraw
Committee Member John Friedl
Committee Member Charles Spencer
Committee Member Melissa Wood

Others in attendance: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
see attached list for others present

Councilmember Amy Speek, who serves as the School Viability Committee Liaison, called the meeting to order.

Orientation

Town Attorney Phillip Noblett presented the committee with rules and guidelines for open meetings in the State of Tennessee. The committee was also educated on the Laws and the specific T.C.A. Sections pertaining to appointed municipal committees. A brief presentation on Robert's Rules of Order, ethical code of conduct and conflicts of interest was also included in this presentation.

Discussion

Councilmember Speek explained the purpose of the Signal Mountain School Viability Committee. The committee is tasked with answering questions and finding all the facts and figures necessary for the Town of Signal Mountain to decide whether or not to move forward with forming its own municipal school district. Councilmember Speek directed the committee to set a bi-monthly meeting schedule. She also instructed the committee to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

The scheduling of regular committee meeting was discussed. All members being in agreement, the meetings shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm.

Committee members each shared a bit of their professional background during introductions.

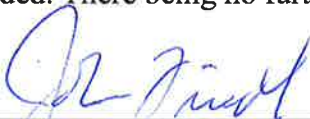
Committee member Charles Spencer moved to elect John Friedl as the committee chair. Thom Peterson seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Committee member Amy Wakim moved to elect Tom McCullough as the committee vice-chair. Melissa Wood seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Committee member Amy Wakim moved to elect Melissa Wood as the committee secretary. Committee member McCullough seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

After a discussion about open records and email messages being subject to public records law, Committee Member Peterson moved to have each committee member establish his or her own gmail account to be used specifically for the purpose of committee communication. Committee member McCullough seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Committee member McCullough moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Speraw seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



John Friedl, Committee Chair



Secretary