

MINUTES
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
TEMPORARY GRANDLIST TASK FORCE

July 19, 2019
Noon – Shanghai Garden Restaurant

The meeting was opened at 12:00 noon, with Carol Cole, Lori Claffee and George McNaughton present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

The reports of Lori Claffee regarding her neighborhood interviews was discussed, it was noted that while all the interview points were reported, the key ones are the ones that were noted as being on the majority of responses. The discussion of Carol Cole's report occurred, Carol Cole noted that it had been difficult obtaining any responses for the real estate agents.

The Area maps presented by George McNaughton, who had obtained them from the Listers' Office were discussed and it was discussed and decided that these would be areas of focus for the report. George indicated that he was going to get with the Listers' Office again in order to get a line drawn around the specific area within the area maps being referred to since they included areas not intended to be covered. In addition that he would be contacting Acting Chief Mark Fountain regarding police activity maps for those areas.

What the report should contain was discussed in detail and it was decided that the prime suggestion to be emphasized to the Selectboard should be enhancement of enforcement and that a recommendation should also be made that they change the Code Enforcement Officer position from a part-time position to a full-time position. It was also decided that the report should suggest that the Freedom Park Area be the first priority area for the Town to concentrate on. It was also decided that despite the improvement in the Union Park Neighborhood that it should remain one of the three areas. It was discussed whether the first part of Wall Street should be added as an area as well as Litchfield – it was decided to note them instead. It was also decided that in addition to enforcement that it be suggested that the Blight Ordinance be amended to include parks which had playground equipment. It is believed that would only involve two additional areas namely Freedom Park and the area behind the North School.

It was agreed that the report should focus on issues that the Town meaning the Selectboard, Town Manager and Town Administration had authority over not including the School District, and not including matters the State or Federal Government had control over (although these might be noted).

A draft report will be presented to the next meeting with the intent that it be finalized so that the same may be presented at the September meeting of the Selectboard. The next meeting will be called for some time after August 4th, 2019.

Adjourn