

Senior Center Expansion Committee Minutes, Aug 29, 2019

Members present: Sue Bishop, Doug Field, Ann Yuryan, Penny Spearance, Mike McCusker, Sylvia Smith, Joanne Soroka, Ellen Eller, Cathy Buntin, Donna Liebl

Guests: Lynne Kelsey, Cheryl Bilbert, Donna Miller, Daniel Mellman, Anita Chase, Sandy Field, Frank Field, Barbara Schauer, Jackie Salem, Russ Nichols, Suzette Agey-Nichols, Caroline Mack, Pam Kelleher, George Dole

Meeting CTO 6:01- Sylvia

Floor open for public comments. None at this time

- Secretary's report- Joanne- Motion to accept minutes with corrections. Penny/ Mike Minutes accepted with corrections. Unanimous.
- Treasurer's report- Sue

bills for approval-

JWA-\$4565.20

Donna MacNicol- \$125.00

Motion to approve invoices- Mike/Doug, approved unanimous.

Motion made for spending authorization for upcoming JWA work for the Sept 11 meeting, \$7500.00 .

Cathy/Sylvia Approved unanimous.

Request for authorization of payment for Planning coordinator position.

\$25,000.00- Governor-State earmark

\$10,000- Senior Center Foundation (pending approval at SCF mtg 8/12/19

\$15,000- Towns remittance expansion fund

Motion to authorize spending the above monies toward the salary for the planning coordinator.

Mike/Sue

Approved- unanimous.

- Correspondence- Sylvia

Letter from the Arms academy alumni- to BOD, see attached

include in the objections are,

Aesthetics, Light blocking, trash on Maple st., parking for visitors.

E-mail from Jackie Walsh requesting the Arms site be eliminated.

Mike speaks to the charge of the site committee, and the process to find the suitable site.

- Ownership- Penny

All considered ownership models are presented and discussed.

501C3

501C2

single town option

multi town option

Pros and cons discussed.

It is the ownership committee's position that a single town owner is the least complicated solution.

They are in the process of finalizing the ownership piece.

- Funding/Budgeting- Sylvia for Carl

Prepared for Sept 11 meeting.

5 year projection for operating budget. Have 2019 information, project for 2024.

Discussion about potential towns apportionment for an operating budget range.

Discussion about potential capitol costs., and the many various sources of funding. At this time figures have been very fluid for member towns contributions, with no firm numbers.

State funding and grants can range from the 25,000 we have received to \$1.3 million.

The Foundation has the potential to raise from \$1.5-\$4 million.

As a ball park number, the project has the potential to raise \$3,750,000.00 to \$7,125,000.00.

- PR-Ellen

No new meeting. Ellen will contact Zack for internet assistance.

- Site- Mike

We have 3 primary sites and 2 alternate sites

Mason's building- guided by Executive session, Town owned Arms Lot, and Mole Hollow.

The Buckland Police station is working toward solving problems presented

The Cowell Gym lot is being given secondary consideration.

We have asked JWA for revised parking plans for the Arms space.

Cowell apace- we are clarifying town owned land, however, we are currently investing time, talent and money in the 3 primary locations.

- Design- Mike

We are reviewing parking schemes for the Arms lot.

- SC coordinator update- Sylvia

There is a revamped job description. Job is a contract job, not employee. Discussion of job responsibilities.

Shelburne Board of selectmen will review and vote. When approved, RFP process will begin.

- Joint Board meeting Update-Sept 11 meeting

Review of the general format for meeting.

Who is speaking for each panel, and what the scope of each panel's discussion is.

- Stakeholders Group feedback-

Doug- Ashfield is holding a town informational meeting Sept 16 to discuss the needs of seniors in town.

It was suggested the 3 liaisons get together.

- Public comment-

Lynne-Follow up on taxes in town. 52 property taxes not current.

New Senior center will impact everyone.

Suzette -Wasn't aware of project until March, took survey, may have been skewed, could we re-do it?

Looking for minutes, would like them made public, where can they be viewed?

Cathy- due to an incident all the digital files are gone, and we are reproducing them.

We are working on getting them all available to be viewed.

Pam-Have we received the letter from the Historical Society?

A-We have not.

Lynne- Will the letters be available? -A-yes.

This ends the public comments.

next meeting-9/2, 6:00 S.C.

Sylvia-- We will move into Executive session, reads the rules.

Mike makes motion to move into executive session, roll call, Sue,-Y, Doug-Y, Anne-Y

Penny-Y, Mike-Y, Sylvia-Y, Ellen-Y, ,Cathy, Y,Donna, Y, Joanne-Y

Move into executive session.