

## Middletown Springs Building Committee

January 6, 2016 – MS Library

Approved Minutes

**Members Present:** David Munyai, Michael Beattie, Patty Kenyon, Kimberly Mathewson, Patty McWilliams, Kristal Hier, Fred Bradley

**Members Absent:** David Wright, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Tom Hurcomb, Maureen McCormack, Lois Dansereau

**Public Present:** None

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by D Munyai

### I. Minutes:

- A. **Approval of December 2 minutes.** - P McWilliams moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2015 as amended. F Bradley seconded and the motion carried.
- B. Note that there was no meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### II. Public Comments: None

### III. Sub-Committee Reports

A. **Public Relations** - No updates from the PR committee

B. **Funding subcommittee**

1. **Fundraising assistance** - D Munyai reported that he followed up with the fundraiser from Pawlet, Karen Folger - she has declined helping. P McWilliams has not contacted Jackie Lappan yet, but still plans to. She did talk to her friend from Craftsbury for some input about their project. They did not have any fundraising help outside the committee itself.
2. **Town Meeting Article** - \$50,000 has been put on the ballot for 3 years and has passed, is it time to just put this amount in the budget as a matter of prudent town planning? Many of the capital expenditures have retired so this expenditure would not add undue burden on taxpayers if included as a regular line item. After a brief discussion the committee concluded that it is time to fund Town Municipal Facilities reserve as a line item in the regular town budget, but would to ask that an article be placed on the town ballot if the Select Board declines that request.

F Bradley moved that the Building Committee requests that the Select Board create a line item in their annual town budget for the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities and include a minimum of \$50,000 for FY16/17. Second by P McWilliams. Motion carried.

K Mathewson moved the Building Committee authorizes D Munyai to take the above request to the SB for consideration. If the SB declines to grant the request, the Building Committee then authorizes D Munyai to request that the Select Board add an article requesting \$50,000 funding for the Town Municipal Facilities Reserve Fund to the ballot using the same wording as last year. F Bradley seconded and the motion carried.

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3. **Subcommittee Meetings** - P Kenyon will set up a meeting in the next week.

### IV. Project Scheduling

- A. **Well / septic permit update** - No update.

### V. Building & Site Design:

- A. **Building Energy Goals:** Last meeting R Chesnut-Tangerman was going to take a stab at the draft energy goals paragraph and send to the group. That did not happen.

M Beattie reported that he emailed energy specialist Steven Strong to see if his offer to help us pro bono was still good, he did not get a response. Committee members advised to try one more time.

M Beattie also reported that he contacted Cathy Reynolds to get some advice for enlisting an Efficiency Vermont consultant and asked for some recommendations for an energy modeler and a mechanical engineer. Michael has that information, but did not bring it with him. He will share with the group via email and at the next meeting.

- B. **Design #5 presentation - Michael Beattie:** M Beattie presented design #5 to the committee. Consensus of the committee was that this building iteration seems to capture more of what we've been looking/searching for. The members present were encouraged with this new design concept. There is still a lot of discussion on the plans to come and the committee is looking forward to sharing this design with members who were not present at this meeting for their impressions and input.

- C. **Town Meeting Article** - By consensus of the committee members present, the idea to present two design options to the town for an advisory vote has been dropped. Members are hopeful that this new design will provide the function and aesthetic that the entire committee can support, eliminating the need for additional input at this stage of the process.

### VI. Other Business:

- A. **Town meeting day food sale, Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>?** - K Mathewson & P McWilliams have offered to take on coordinating. So the event is on.

**Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21st 7pm at the library.**

**Adjourn:** F Bradley moved to adjourn at 9:45pm meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patty Kenyon, Building Committee Clerk