

Middletown Springs Building Committee

January 21, 2016 – MS Library

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Patty Kenyon, Michael Beattie, Kristal Hier, Lois Dansereau, David Muniyak, David Wright, Fred Bradley, Kimberly Mathewson

Members Absent: Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Tom Hurcomb, Patty McWilliams, Maureen McCormack

Public Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by D Muniyak

I. Minutes:

A. Approval of January 6 minutes. - M Beattie moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2016 as amended. F Bradley seconded and the motion carried.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Public Relations - Nothing at this time

B. Funding subcommittee

- 1. Town Meeting Article / Ballot Item** - D Muniyak reported that the Select Board reduced our requested line item last Thursday (1/14) by \$10,000 in order to increase the law enforcement line item by \$10,000. The committee discussed their options in terms of this development as well as their disappointment with the decision made by the Select Board.

By consensus committee members agreed to attend the next Select Board meeting (1/28) to reiterate the importance of fully funding this line item now and into the future and request that the Select Board honor their original decision to fund the Municipal Facilities Reserve Fund this year at \$50,000.

There was also some discussion as to what the balance of the reserve fund is currently and the process for funding and reporting funding of the fund in the Town Report. P Kenyon agreed to connect with the Town Treasurer to get that information to share with the full committee.

- 2. Subcommittee Meetings** - P Kenyon reported that the Fundraising subcommittee had met last week. They used this time to re-group a bit after the holiday break, but also touched on potential grant opportunities and began the process of brainstorming ideas for a community campaign. Now that we are closing in on an acceptable building design, more solid plans can begin to take shape.

IV. Project Scheduling

A. Well / septic permit update - No update

V. Building & Site Design:

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- A. **Design #5 Update** - M Beattie reviewed the current design which included some changes based on suggestions and observations at the last meeting.

Michael also reported that he feels we are at the point in the design process that we need permission/the ability to spend some money for drawings, modeling and other services. To that end, D Muniyak agreed to request that a short presentation on building plans and next steps be added to the Select Board's next meeting agenda on 1/28.

M Beattie requested that this committee formally endorse the updated design plan.

K Mathewson moved that the committee wishes to move forward with the building design plan as presented tonight by M Beattie. Fred Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

- B. **Building Energy Goals:** We are still waiting to get the re-written energy paragraph from R Chesnut-Tangerman.

D Muniyak thanked M Beattie for reaching out to Efficiency Vermont (EV) and providing us with information on programs and services that we may be able to take advantage of. Particularly of interest is their new pilot program supporting Net Zero Energy buildings. Michael agreed to reach out to EV as to the logical timing for submitting a request to be in this program and as to the process in terms of who needs to sign the application (i.e. the committee or the Select Board).

Michael also mentioned that setting up a meeting with GMP to see if they have any helpful information or incentives to offer is still on the to-do list.

VI. Other Business:

- A. **Town Meeting Food Sale Planning** - K Mathewson is organizing the food sale. Hours will be 7am to 7pm same as polls. She will send out lists of needs for volunteers and food so that folks can sign up to help out.

It was also mentioned that the intent is to have up-to-date design information ready to share at the Town Informational Meeting on February 29 as well as at the food sale on March 1.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd, 7pm at the library.

Adjourn: D Wright moved to adjourn at 9:25pm meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Patty Kenyon, Building Committee Clerk