

Middletown Springs Building Committee

February 3, 2016 – MS Library

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Patty Kenyon, Kimberly Mathewson, Fred Bradley, Lois Dansereau, David Munyak, David Wright, Maureen McCormack via Facetime, Patty McWilliams

Members Absent: Michael Beattie, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Kristal Hier, Tom Hurcomb

Public Present: None

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

I. Minutes:

A. Approval of January 21 minutes. - F Bradley moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016 as presented. K Mathewson seconded and the motion carried.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Funding subcommittee

- 1. Town Meeting Article / Ballot Item** -The Committee discussed their attendance at the last Select Board meeting on January 28. The board was supportive of the latest building design and approved the expenditure of \$500 for computer renderings. The committee also requested that the Select Board revisit and fully fund the amount initially appropriated for Town Municipal Facilities as part of the budget - that ask was for \$50,000 which the board agreed to, but then subsequently reduced by \$10,000 as a cost cutting measure. At the January 29 meeting the Select Board made a final decision to remove the Town Municipal Facilities line item from the budget and add it as a voted article at the requested amount of \$50,000.

After some discussion the Committee agreed to send a letter to the Select Board expressing their disappointment with the decision to remove the line item for Town Municipal Facilities from the town budget and vote it as a separate article. The Committee feels that this decision does not send a clear message of support for our work, but instead may cast doubt as to their commitment to this project. In addition, the multiple revisions by the Select Board regarding this issue have the potential to confuse voters. To address any possible confusion, the Committee also agreed to compose a Front Porch Forum post that explains the article and asks for continued support for this important project.

- 2. Town Allotment - reported in Town Report** - P Kenyon received the detailed income and expense report from the Town Treasurer and has plans to sit down with her and go over it in more detail so that the Committee can fully understand the current financial picture.

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- 3. Subcommittee Meetings** - Fundraising sub-committee has not met since January. The plan is to concentrate on getting the design drawings done, getting through Town Meeting Food Sale and the unveiling of the designs to the townspeople and then begin to move forward in earnest

B. Public Relations - K Mathewson would like to put out information regarding the food sale and let people know that we will be able to see the new plan at Town Meeting. The Committee agreed this was a good plan of action.

IV. Project Scheduling

A. Well / septic permit update - No update

V. Building & Site Design:

A. Design #5 Update - M Beattie - No Michael, no report.

B. Building Energy Goals: No response from R Chesnut-Tangerman re: energy goals paragraph.

VI. Other Business:

A. Town Meeting Food Sale Planning - K Mathewson reviewed plans, needs, etc. She also asked for folks to sign up for working the event as well as making food. The sale will be open from 7am to 7pm on Tuesday, March 1 at the Historical Society's dining room.

B. Correspondence rec'd - D Muniak shared three letters received at the town office recently from local law offices and paralegals, each lamenting on the substandard conditions at the current town office and asking that the new office building get going ASAP.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 7pm at the library.

Adjourn: P McWilliams moved to adjourn at 8:07pm meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patty Kenyon, Building Committee Clerk