

Middletown Springs Building Committee
Middletown Springs Library
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 – 7pm

Approved Minutes

Committee Present: Michael Beattie, Kimberly Bushnell – Clerk, Tom Hurcomb, Patty Kenyon - Chair, Maureen McCormack, David Munyak

Absent: Kristal Hier – Vice Chair, Fred Bradley, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, David Wright

Others Present: Herb Childress, Beth Miller

Call to Order: 7:04 pm by P Kenyon.

Approval of Minutes: T Hurcomb moved to approve the minutes of 10/18/2018. M Beattie seconded. Motion carried with correction of adding D Wright to those present.

Vermont Arts Council’s Animating Infrastructure grant: the grants are up \$15,000 for art incorporated into new or existing infrastructure. Letters of intent are due Dec 10. They encourage groups to send in up to three letters of intent for three different projects. We are looking at projects which would integrate into some part of existing plan so the grant helps pay for that area while add the elements of art. Possible ideas include: incorporating a mural or other art into east wall and the coverings for the heat exchangers; adding art component to bio swale; adding seating into the stone wall & stairs; or possibly something to do with railings and entrances. B Miller, K Bushnell, and M Beattie agreed to flesh out the ideas and bring them back to Committee at the next meeting for further consideration.

Public Comments: NA

Listening Tour Update/Recap: Shana Thromley (consultant) sent update and questions to P Kenyon. Building Committee would like to wrap up Listening Tour before Thanksgiving. S Thromley has met with members of the Selectboard & Library Board, Friends of the Library & Book Group, of the Historical Society. A group of teens will meet with her on Monday, Nov 12. Question arose about whether we can schedule the remaining groups this coming week. Different members to take point with each group: Community Church (P Kenyon/Connie Eaton), farmers & producers (B Miller/Shirley Moyer), Planning Commission & Creative Economy (T Hurcomb).

Two other groups identified as “immediate stakeholders” and “concerned citizens” will be invited to a Listening Tour meeting. Immediate Stakeholders are the people who work in the facilities under consideration, including Town Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, a Lister, Librarian, Highway Foreman, Fire Chief, and Transfer Station Supervisor (H Childress to contact). Concerned Citizens are the people who have been involved in the project at various points as well as others (P Kenyon to contact Ron Maslah)

Bond Preparation/ Information: P Kenyon opened discussion with asking H Childress how the Building Committee might be able to help the Selectboard with the bond prep process as there are a lot of steps. Much information must be gathered and disseminated in advance of Town Meeting 2019, including but not limited to: specifics related to proposed costs as well as current costs of related to each facility, as well as general size of the projected fundraising for each. With a positive vote at Town Meeting, the next steps include but are not limited to: writing the proposal for the bond due in early May, for late June decisions, a bond attorney would need to be hired, as well as an audit performed on last town's last fiscal year (money has already been being put aside for a future audit). There are a number of questions which would best be answered by the bond attorney familiar with the process including which is better, working with a municipal bond bank or going for an USDA loan.

S Thromley will work with Selectboard & BC to prepare pre-vote information. Selectboard will work on gathering needed information. At the same time the fundraising feasibility study will take place which will further inform. T Hurcomb suggested the Planning Commission might also be available to assist in some way. H Childress to work with Bill Reed, Glen Moyer and others to pull together numbers and information on the Town Garage, Salt Shed, and Transfer Station. Discussion but no resolution on who would be best liaison with Fire Department regarding their numbers and information. Fire Department is holding a community dinner on Tuesday, November 13, at 6pm at which they intend to go over their design and plans for a new fire house.

Other Business: none

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15 at the Library.

Adjournment: T Hurcomb moved to adjourn, M McCormack seconded. Motion carried at 9:18 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Kimberly Bushnell, Clerk

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