

## **Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Special Facilities Meeting • August 20, 2020**

**BOARD PRESENT:** via Zoom: Heather Grier, Patty Kenyon. At the Town Office: Terry Redfield, Neil Russell.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** via Zoom: Peter Stevenson, Michael Beattie. At the Town Office: Ron Masleh, Art Castle.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** via Zoom: Aileen Stevenson, Don Hemenway, Pat Hemenway.

**CALL TO ORDER:** T Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

**WATER TREATMENT AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPTIONS** - Peter shared some information he had researched in light of a question about radioactive particles passing through the water treatment system into the septic system. The expert opinion is that there will be some radioactive waste that would reach the tank via the backwash process. Backwashing will need to be done regularly. There are also some operating costs for materials in the water treatment system that we will need to keep in mind. Peter will forward the email he received from the expert to the committee after the meeting.

### **BUILDING PROJECTS DISCUSSION:**

**A. Current consensus – status** 2300 +/- sq.ft, separate (walled) office space, multipurpose conference and Meeting Room

Some discussion on the configurations on Michael's new drawing, voting being in the town office was important for the clerk. Discussion about the placement of the boxes and the functions, i.e. the vault in the southeast corner, meeting room in the northeast corner to provide maximum visibility from the four corners.

Discussion about aesthetics, other offices, how to achieve openness and still have privacy and a light and airy feeling.

Talked about aesthetics and if we could achieve the look we might want with Michael's latest plan idea.

Peter and Aileen are not fans of Michael's latest design; they feel it's not economical to build and doesn't flow well... and is not what we talked about in our last meeting in terms of layout. Michael doesn't disagree that we are not in unison and that his latest drawing would be expensive to build.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Selectboard getting on the same page in terms of layout and functionality of the building. And how the confusion among board

members affects the ability to design a building that the board is comfortable with.

Following that was another lengthy discussion about how we get back on track.

There was also a short discussion on the site layout, including handicap ramps and parking areas. As well as heating and cooling systems, solar or no solar, or potential for solar down the road. The majority of the board would like to go with traditional forms of heating and cooling and are not in favor of outlaying money up front for solar to lower ongoing operating costs.

Bringing the discussion back around - the direction agreed upon for the designers is reiterated below.

2300 sf - open concept feel with the meeting room located centrally with the necessary offices radiating around it. Most would like walled offices that work with the open concept. There was some measure of agreement that it would be great if the central meeting room was big enough to vote in but that is not the priority. Square footage and economics is key. Simple is best, but we do want it to fit the site and fit in with the town aesthetic.

Next Special Facilities Meeting 2 weeks from now to see where we get with new designs. Thursday, September 3, 2020

Art Castle reported that the Fire Association has met with 3 different engineering companies for evaluating the state of the building, their estimates range from \$30 to \$35K. The Association has to talk about whether or not it makes sense to invest that kind of money in engineering. They are trying to move forward with getting their ducks in a row and will report back again when they have more information to share.

**OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS: Gold headed cane** - A short update on the status of research. Terry will make a call tomorrow to the family of a potential recipient as he needs to touch base with them anyway for other town business. Once we have that information we should be able to award the honor. Hopefully at next week's regular meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (if any):** none

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by Terry at 9:19pm, Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Clerk