

Middletown Springs Selectboard • Approved Minutes Special Facilities Meeting • November 19, 2020

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

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: via Zoom: Sarah Grimm - Auditor.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: via Zoom: Peter Stevenson, Michael Beattie. At the town office: Ron Masleh

PUBLIC PRESENT: via Zoom: Aileen Stevenson

CALL TO ORDER: T Redfield called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

NEW BUILDING / FACILITIES DISCUSSION: Terry started the meeting off by reminding the group that criticism of our decisions or lack thereof are an inevitable part of the work and we should not let that presence keep us from doing the job and doing it well.

- A. **Final Design Preferences** - Michael suggested that if we like this family of plans - Michael / Geoff most recent plans - then he would like to disengage from the process so that things can move forward. He feels the group can proceed with the help of Peter and Aileen as conduit to Geoff as the architect. He is confident that they can develop plans for a building that will meet our needs and our budget. And that the larger group should be in the picture to make final decisions and offer ideas, but not to micromanage the process. At this time Michael is stepping away to focus on other things.

There was consensus that avoiding micromanaging is key to moving forward. Aileen and Peter were happy to continue to work with the group as the conduit to the architect to help us move forward.

Terry thanked Michael for all the work he's done and the time he's spent up to this point. The board echoed those sentiments and expressed their appreciation to Michael as did the rest of the group.

Before Michael signed off of Zoom he made a couple comments about the potential Historical Society building project. Looking at the town as a whole, the Historical Society building is one of the most prominent buildings on the green and over the long haul if the town was invested in the building then it would be maintained and our town green would keep its importance in the center of town. Such an investment would be felt for decades to come. Michael expressed his concern that once a couple of the patriarchs of the Historical Society were no longer active the potential for losing that historic building would increase.

Moving back to design decision: The majority of the board were in agreement with Michael and thought that the 9/8/2020 design submitted by Geoff Metcalfe of Keefe and Wesner Architects was the best design to move forward with.

The question arose as to whether that preliminary design was enough to get a quote from a construction company?

And what other decisions do we need to make in order to be ready to move this forward without spending a lot of money?

Peter thinks there needs to be a little bit more work done to get us to the next stage. Sections with details, new drawings, and decisions as to materials are needed in order to get a comprehensive estimate or quote. This work shouldn't cost a whole lot of money.

There was a fair amount of discussion about our current options and how we might move forward in both directions - Historical Society and Corner Property.

Terry moved to proceed with the design of 9/8/2020 by Geoff Metcalfe of Keefe and Wesner Architects for the potential new town office building on the corner. Neil 2nd. Ayes - Terry, Patty, Heather, Neil. Opposed - Carl. Motion carried.

Patty moved to ask Peter Stevenson to connect with Geoff Metcalfe to provide an estimate for the scope of services needed for the proposed Town office building on the corner to get us to a point where we can get a construction estimate. Heather 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

There was some discussion on the details that still need to be worked out if we are going to pursue a partnership with the Historical Society and ultimately move forward with that project. That path will become more clear once we get the results of Phase 1 of the Feasibility Study under way with Keefe and Wesner Architects.

OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if any): none

ADJOURN: Neil moved to adjourn at 8:24pm, Heather 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Clerk