

## **Meeting Notes Nov.28, 2023**

In attendance – Phil Cieply, Mike Goddard, Alejna Brugos, Mike Amendolia, Mark Bucchino, Amy Wilson-Kent, Chief Kurczy, Karen Slattery Meade, Diane Howell, Lawney Tinio, and Peg Nogueira

Invited guests- Mike Petrovick and John Ramsay from Petrovick Architectural Company

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee unanimously approved the secretary's minutes from Nov 14, 2023.

Lawney T gave an update of his conversation with Sen Fattman re: possible grants and funding.

A slide presentation was shown to the committee by the architectural company staff. They brought up the plot plan for each of the two sites and had superimposed the proposed location of the building on each of the plots. They covered the floor plan of each of the 2 floors, gave estimates of projected cost and potential site difficulties. The cost will be almost identical no matter what site the committee chooses. He is proposing 12, 890 square feet of usable space. The building will be approximately 55ftX 115 ft. He showed the committee some estimates of what the site work alone would cost (approx. 2 million dollars)

A question was asked by Mike A as to the feasibility of tying into the Hopedale sewer system.

Mike P would like the committee to choose the site by Dec 22 at the latest. He is hoping for a Dec. 15 date. He stated that the blueprints should go to an estimator by Jan 1, 2024. By Feb, the committee should have the exact price.

Mike G- In March, the committee should go before the Selectboard with some sense of financing options. He suggested working with the Town Treasurer Jody Kurczy and the committee about town financing. He has already begun working on this.

A committee discussion followed about getting our message out to the townspeople about “What are things we are NOT able to do with the current building size?”.... “What is the Senior Center planning to do with all this new space (if approved)?”

Because 2 of the 4 properties are no longer being considered, it was suggested that the committee members express their site preference. The vote was 4 in favor of the Rte16/ North Ave site and 3 for the Hopedale/ North Ave site.

The committee is awaiting an opinion from our Legal Dep’t. as to the feasibility of trying to change the Conservation restriction on the Hopedale Street/ North Ave property. There is no restriction on the Rte. 16/ North Ave property.

The hope for private philanthropic donations was also discussed. Because of the cost of the proposed building, some members felt that they could possibly change their vote if it meant a lower price tag to bring to the town meeting floor. All committee persons agreed that whichever site was finally selected, all would continue to work towards the united goal of having the Senior Center built.

The next committee meeting will be on Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The meeting place will be at the police station and the agenda will be emailed beforehand.

Meeting Adjourned.

Peg Nogueira

Acting Secretary