

# **MEETING MINUTES; Meeting # 7**

## **LIBRARY / COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** March 2, 2022

**LOCATION:** ZOOM Format

**Purpose:** Regular Monthly Meeting

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- **Call to Order**

The meeting of this committee, Library/Community Center Facility Building Committee, was held Wednesday, March 2, 2022, via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM, presided over by co-chairs S. Weisman and G. Tomasulo. C. Smith agreed to take meeting notes.

- **Attendees**

Sandy Weisman, G. Tomasulo, M. Spencer, A. Just, M.Turner, M. Paddock, P Alley -non-voting ex officio, and C.Smith.

Absent

NONE

- **Public Attendees (via ZOOM)**

S. Wallace, E. Lunt, E. Modell, C. Bendheim and Selectman W.Ritz

- **Approval of Minutes**

A. Just mentioned the February 16, 2022's minutes were adjusted once more before tonight's meeting asking the members to take a moment to review the minutes with amendments added.

G. Tomasulo called for a motion to accept the minutes. Moira Paddock made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and seconded by C. Smith. G. Tomasulo called for a vote.

The motion passed 7-0.

A second set of minutes, Meeting #6, was offered for approval as well. This was a brief special meeting held to finalize and vote to move forward with the Monthly Update as presented to the committee.

A brief discussion, corrections and suggestions offered followed. G. Tomasulo called for a vote.

M. Paddock motioned to accept the minutes as amended followed by a second from A. Just. The motion passed 7-0.

- **Review of Agenda**

**SURVEY:**

S. Wallace, public attendee, suggested adding an "eye catching" icon or something to the online survey listed on the town's official site. G. Tomasulo agreed and opened the topic for S. Wallace to address. She voiced her concern with the present survey listing and Monthly Update. They look like every day business, noting an eye catching font style or something of that nature might attract more attention to the survey, therefore getting more responses from the townspeople. S. Weisman, co-chair, agreed to speak with the town manager, T. Baines, for advice. S. Weisman noted survey returns as of this meeting date have been slow. M. Paddock noted the online survey section Personal Suggestions needs to be reviewed as some have voiced limited space for more than one addition. S. Weisman agreed to address the online survey ASAP. She also mentioned the idea of resending the online survey possibility.

- **Old Business**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications Strategy Sub-Committee Transparency

S. Weisman suggested a communications meeting with G. Tomasulo, herself and C. Smith would be needed for the next public communication. A date and time would be decided by the three aforementioned.

- **New Business:**

April 6th, 2022, our regularly scheduled committee meeting, Selectmen and this committee will meet with the Town's lawyer, K. Collins. The Selectmen agreed to cancel their April 6th scheduled Budget Committee meeting so all could attend the Library and Community Facility Committee's meeting. G. Tomasulo, co-chair, brought the business part of the meeting to a closing.

S. Weisman, co-chair, introduced tonight's guest, Liz Jenkins. This committee extended an invitation to L. Jenkins as a guest speaker. L. Jenkins is the volunteer Board President for Area Interfaith Outreach (AIO) Food and Energy Assistance, located in Rockland, Maine. L. Jenkins led a two-year transformation of the organization which has transformed the way the organization serves the community. L. Jenkins led a successful capital campaign that raised \$1.2m for a new 4,000-square-foot facility which provides abundant space for food storage, private offices for energy assistance consultations, and a welcoming space for their clients. L. Jenkins gave a detailed video presentation, identifying the processes used to begin this admirable project. A healthy dialogue between committee members and L. Jenkins ensued. The main focus of tonight's presentation was how crucial interpersonal relationships are when working as a team. Both positive and negative concerns that occur as a new team/committee develops were specifically outlined with possible outcomes. Many questions, concerns, how-to's were shared between our guest and committee. It was an inspiring presentation with definite components and guidelines offered. Prior to tonight's guest presentation L. Jenkins advised S. Weisman streamline the South Thomaston project focus to help her (L. Jenkins) address our immediate questions.

Topics addressed were: architect based, financial, goal making and alignments, information packets clarifying the committee's project undertakings, advertising, interpersonal relation building, and processes employed bringing goals to fruition.

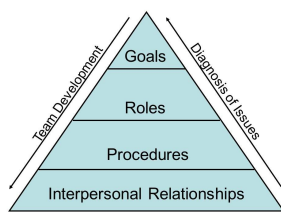
This committee heartily thanked L. Jenkins for her presentation, and advice. L. Jenkins offered to have S. Weisman and G. Tomasulo reach out in the future as need(s) arise. L. Jenkins also left our committee with homework.

It is as follows:

1. Rewrite our goals with GRPI perspective.

Her reply to the question "How often do we rewrite the goals?" was *often*.

GRPI



A discussion followed the presentations with Sandy Weismann offering a possibility of a late March meeting to discuss what we heard and what the vision, focus, and mission are for our project. She offered a possible last week of March date. A. Just also suggested the possibility of an extra April meeting to review the survey results. P. Alley, our town librarian, voiced concern about an extra April meeting. Reason being the present library is moving March 12 from the Old Red Schoolhouse location to the interim location, G. Butler School on Spruce Head Road, South Thomaston.

Members understood this so a later date will be discussed at the next meeting.

M. Spencer made the suggestion we visit the Rockport Library and other libraries to see what is out there. S. Weismann suggested Appleton's library has nice use of square footage, viewing of this library would also be beneficial. G. Tomasulo agreed visits would benefit our visual perspective of environment, rooms space and usage, building size and more.

- **New Business**

- Survey

- Library Visits

- Reminder of upcoming guest speaker, Kim Collins, Town Attorney, April 6, 2022; 501 3C Process.

- **Correspondence** None to date

- **Review Items for Next Agenda**

- 1. Survey End

- 2. Communications update

- 3. Guest speaker K. Collins, Town Attorney, April 6, 2022; 501 3C Process.

- **Scheduled Future Meetings**

- Next meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 2022, @ 6:00PM, via ZOOM

- **Adjourn**

- G. Tomasulo motioned for the meeting's adjournment. M.Paddock seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace A. Smith