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**Selectboard:**  
Jeff Northgraves  
Walter Reitz  
John Spear

**Minutes**  
**Board of Selectmen**

**Date: Wednesday , April 6, 2022    Time: 6:00 pm    Place: Municipal Building    REV:1**

**Selectboard Present:** Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz

**Others Present:** Terri-Lynn Baines, Town Attorney Kristin Collins, Moira Paddock, Sandy Weisman, Barbara Reitz, Maureen Spencer, Pennie Alley, Merle Rockwell, Sondra Wallace, Catherine Bendheim, Anne Just (zoom), Bob and Bettyjane Surabian(zoom), Sally Merchant (zoom), Marcia Turner, Ed Modell (zoom), Betsy Lunt (zoom), Gabe Tomasulo, Alana Brown, Candace Smith.

**Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.**

**I.      Call to Order**

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**II.     Adjustments to Agenda**

Spear added Discussion of Legal Matters with the Town Attorney.

**III.    Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

There was no comment.

**IV.    Discussion With Town Attorney Kristin Collins and the Library/Community Center Facility Committee regarding 501c3 status**

Weisman, Co-Chair of the Library/Community Center Facility Committee, read amended Article 10 of the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant. She also read the charge to the committee from the Selectboard. There was a discussion on whether the mission had changed. It was agreed that it has not, the mission charged remains what the Town voted on. Weisman then polled the committee to see if they each agreed with the mission. Committee member Marcia Turner stated she no longer supported the mission.

There was a discussion on raising funds absent a nonprofit corporation with 501c3 status vs having a nonprofit corporation with 501c3 status. The Town and the 501c3 should act in concert to be able to access more money.

Collins explained two different possible structures.

Structure 1. The Town is in charge of project. A nonprofit corporation is created separate from the town and acts like a Fire Department Auxiliary. The sole purpose of the separate nonprofit corporation is to raise money.

Structure 2. The Town adopts an ordinance creating a nonprofit corporation affiliated with the town. The corporation adopts bylaws but they must be approved by the town or the Selectboard. The corporation's board is appointed by the Selectboard.

The Selectboard and Library/Community Center Facility Committee discussed how to manage the project moving forward with the mission.

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They also discussed how a non-profit corporation with 501c3 status would work for this committee/project. The mission of this committee is to plan the project. The sole purpose of a non profit would be to fund raise.

The Committee and Selectboard discussed what happens to funds raised if the funds needed for the building aren't reached.

There was a discussion on what the Board for the non-profit corporation would look like and creating bylaws.

Collins will prepare a draft ordinance and bylaws for the Selectboard to review. Spear indicated he wished to express some of his thoughts to Collins in writing. Briefly discussed was the size the building should be, the size of the meeting room and the survey sent out by the Library/Community Center Facility Committee.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize Collins to draft an ordinance to authorize the 501c3 and begin work on the bylaws.*

Discussion on the cost.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**V. Legal Advice**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) a Legal Matter.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

The board entered executive session at 7:28

The Board exited executive session at 7:49

**VI. Adjournment**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:50.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

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