

South Thomaston Community Center/Library Facility Committee

Meeting #10 Minutes: June 2, 2022 at Town Office

Present: Sandy Weisman, Gabe Tomasulo, Moira Paddock, Marcia Turner, Sandy Weisman

Absent: Maureen Spencer (not able to attend because of a zoom problem), Anne Just, Candace Smith and Pennie Alley (ex-officio, non-voting)

Public: Catherine Lerem, Sondra Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 6:04. There were no adjustments to the agenda. M Paddock moved to approve the minutes from May 4 and S Weisman seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

S Weisman offered to take minutes.

New Business. S Weisman provided a summary report of the surveys to date. There are presently 51 completed surveys. The committee will make 4 more efforts to complete a higher number of surveys: 1) the June 9 Public Information meeting at the Fire Station (we have since confirmed that we are not able to do this); June 20 at the Spruce Head Community Center event; 3) Town Meeting on June 28. M Paddock and S Weisman will distribute surveys there, and 4) surveys will be inserted into the town report.

S Weisman distributed warrant Article 7, and asked those present to say they had no objections to the article and would vote for it. A discussion about the wording in part (2) of Article 7 ensued. G Tomasulo offered to send our concerns to the Selectboard.

S Weisman and G Tomasulo distributed the draft By-Laws for the proposed non-profit corporation. S Weisman voiced concerns over the nominating process for the Board of Directors, and suggested that a nominating committee of Selectboard, Library & Community Center Facility Committee, and the town Librarian would assure that the Board would be looking for members with a diverse set of skill sets, connections, and resources. G Tomasulo thought that the by-laws did not preclude such a nominating committee, while still allowing each of those groups to nominate the described number of members of the Board of Directors.

A discussion about resignations and removing board members followed. G Tomasulo and S Weisman led the discussion about the difference between removing a Board member (Article III. 8) and removing an Officer of the Board (Article.IV.5).

S Weisman handed out a potential Fundraising Outline and a matrix of Characteristics for the Board of Directors for the South Thomaston Library & Community Center Auxiliary.

Old Business. S Weisman and G Tomasulo led a discussion about the relationship of the current Library & Community Center Committee and the new Board of Directors. S Weisman suggested that members of the current committee would be expected to serve on subcommittees such as Building Design, Communications, Community Fundraising Events, or Grant Research. M Paddock stated the design of the building must come first. S. Weisman thought that we could work on a Vision Statement at any time. M Turner asked whether the Board of Directors would control the work of our committee. Both G Tomasulo and M Paddock felt it was the other way around, and that the current committee should control the content and narrative of the project with the help of the Board of Directors.

A discussion about project management followed. C Lerem asked whether the Committee had decided to use any professional project management help or not. Both G Tomasulo and S Weisman said that at this point no decision had been made. Community Events as fundraisers were discussed. Several ideas were offered for bringing the community together, and some concern about asking people to contribute too many times was expressed.

Discussion concerning a Vision Statement was had and it was decided to put the discussion on hold till the committee received any new surveys. S Weisman offered to complete the report.

Due to time, G Tomasulo and S Weisman postponed the discussion on foundations and grants. G Tomasulo suggested that those that had a list could send them to sandy.weisman2@gmail.com.

The next meeting will be July 7 at 6 pm at Town Office meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.