

Town of South Thomaston
Library and Community Center Facility Committee
Minutes of meeting 12
October 6, 2022 at 6 pm at South Thomaston Town Office

Present: Sandy Weisman, Gabe Tomasulo (via Zoom), Catherine Lerme, Moira Paddock, Maureen Spencer, and Marcia Turner.

Absent: Candace Smith

Public: Sondra Wallace

S Weisman called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

C Lerme volunteered to take minutes but due to meeting going along quickly said it was too much and M Paddock volunteered to take minutes.

G Tomasulo asked that the agenda be adjusted. G Tomasulo asked that new business of the building designed be delayed till the November meeting when he could be physically present and present a slide show.

M Paddock asked that the dates for the minutes be stated (7/14/22 and 9/8/22) for clarification.

C Lerme moved to accept the minutes of 9/8/22 as amended. S Weisman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. 2 abstained (they were not present at the September meeting)
There was not a hard copy of the minutes held on 7/14/22 and so the minutes will be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

S Weisman moved to have a nominating committee consisting of 3 members - S Weisman, C Lerme and M Paddock and the nominating committee would come to the committee with names for the non profit board. G Tomasulo seconded, motion passed 6-0.

S Weisman said that a packet consisting of roles/ back ground/ and mission would be given to the prospective people and the names would be then presented to the committee and voted on. Those names would then be given to the board of selectman to be voted on. The non-profit board 's goals will be fundraising and committed to the mission.

G Tomasulo reviewed the building discussion from the September meeting and presented a spreadsheet with room list and size. In architecture this is called the program. Discussion ensued.

C Lerme suggested a secure space for librarian materials.

M Spencer suggested a teen room (a dedicated space or conference room for young people to use)

M Paddock suggested that since the facility would also be an emergency shelter that showers be included in the bathrooms and that EMA director for Knox County

Candice Richards mentioned that there were FEMA grants to cover costs of these items.

M Paddock also asked that the committee receive the number of people who are using the current activities so that the committee knows how much space is needed for activities.

S Wallace asked what the plan was using for square footage per person.

C Lerne mentioned there needed to be flexibility to rooms - general size/ maximum size and there would be a need for 2 audio systems.

M Turner mentioned that the Wednesday soup luncheon just started and there would be a need for storage of chairs and tables. 18 people came to the first soup luncheon.

G Tomasulo said that for the next meeting everyone would need to do the following:

- * Send photos to G Tomasulo of pictures one likes of interior and outside space of libraries and community centers. G Tomasulo will present a slide show of the pictures at the next meeting.
- * update the spread sheet of the size/rooms/ space
- * get a "feel" of what the building and inside should be like
- * provide merits - the pros and cons of ideas presented
- * look at how the interior should be
- * present a "flow" - list of rooms and how it should look and how it works with the programming of events

M Spenser requested that the next meeting be held at the GB Center.

M Spenser added that due to personal issues she needed to step away and was not able to devote the time necessary to the committee. M Spenser will be sending a letter of resignation to the board of selectman.

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2022 at 6 pm.

M Paddock moved to adjourn, C Lerne seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Moira Paddock
ST Library /Community Center Facility Committe