Town of South Thomaston, ME

Library and Community Facility Committee

Minutes of meeting #16

March 7, 2023 at the South Thomaston, ME Town Office

The meeting date was rescheduled due to inclement weather on 3/2/23.

Present: Sandy Weisman, co-chair, Gabe Tomasulo, co-chair, Catherine Lerme, and Moira Paddock

Absent: Candace Smith and Marcia Turner

Public: no one was in attendance

Zoom: Pennie Alley (as of 6:25 pm )

G Tomasulo called the meeting to ordered at 6:03 pm

Adjustments to the agenda:

M Paddock corrected the agenda that only the prior meeting (2-9-23) needed to be approved and added to the agenda that the committee address scheduling ambassador groups.

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

Minutes:

S Weisman moved to accept the minutes from 2-9-23. C Lerme seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Nominating Committee:

S Weisman updated and reported that the nominating committee met 3/6/23.

\* P Alley took herself off the nominating committee

\* S Snow was absent

\* the nominating committee will meet 3/27/23 at 4:30pm

\* contacting J Spear for clarification on working committee vs public

\* Contacting people for the non profit board via letters and in person

\* collecting demographics of South Thomaston, ME (school age children, teens, families, retirees etc)

Design - continuing to envision the new ST Library/Community Center

G Tomasulo lead the discussion.

\* G Tomasulo presented an outline of the building data sheet - committee members were asked to add to the outline send any other changes to G Tomasulo. Outdoor area - patio/ parking space ; soft fees; permits; furniture; equipment were added at this meeting.

\* M Paddock asked if a new spread sheet had been printed and G Tomasulo will have that done for the next meeting

\* G Tomasulo reported that all committee members sent in their thesis statement

At this point in the meeting (6:21 pm), P Alley came in and informed the committee that the meeting was not on YouTube and the committee was using the wrong zoom link. At 6:25, all was corrected and the committee was back on line with the Zoom link.

G Tomasulo apologized for the issue and summarized what had transpired in the meeting for anyone who had missed it.

G Tomasulo read each committee member’s thesis statement. The general consensus was that every member of the committee was on the same page of what the new building needed to be.

\* welcoming/inviting/socializing /social/connecting the community all ages

\* light/ open space

\* engaging/ learning/ safe

\* energy efficient

\* cost effectiveness

G Tomasulo present the images of the exterior pictures that were sent in.

\* Falmouth, Maine public Library was sent in by M Paddock and a field trip was suggested to members to go see this library. Also several members of the committee had sent in pictures of the Albert Wisner Public Library in Warwick, NY as a good looking exterior.

G Tomasulo will continue this discussion at the next meeting scheduled Tuesday 3/28/23 at 6:00 pm.

Ambassador Groups:

M Paddock asked the committee to schedule group discussions in May/early June so people in the community may ask questions. In May the Spruce Head Community Hall will be available. GB Center, the historical society and the town office were selected as other locations to have group/public meetings.

M Paddock also requested that a space on the bulletin board at the GB center or put one up specifically for the committee to have their information posted as well as updates on plans and drawings be completed in the near future.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the South Thomaston, ME Town Office. The main component of the meeting will be space arraignment/ floor plan.

C Lerme moved to adjourn the meeting. M Paddock seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Moira Paddock

ST Library/Community Center Facility Committee