Town of South Thomaston

Library and Community Center Facility Committee

Minutes of Meeting #15

February 9, 2023 at the South Thomaston Town Office

**Present:** Sandy Weisman, co-chair, Gabe Tomasulo, co-chair, Catherine Lerme, Moira Paddock, Candace Smith and Marcia Turner.

**Public:** Sondra Wallace

No one was on Zoom

G Tomasulo called the meeting to ordered at 6:02 pm

**Adjustments to the agenda:**

S Weisman added to the agenda the monthly communication that will be coming out.

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

**Minutes:**

C Lerme  moved to accept the minutes from 11/3/22. M Paddock seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

C Lerme moved to accept the minutes from 1/5/23 as amended. M Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

**Nominating Committee:**

S Weisman presented a report on what the nominating committee has been up to.

\*Reviewed the goals

\* Reviewed and updated the spread sheet of skills for board members

\*The committee went into executive session and 3 members of the nominating committee had brought forth names for potential candidates for the non-profit board and will start talking to people.

\* P Alley did not believe she was a”voting” member of the nominating committee and S Weisman clarified that it was up to the Library/Community Center Facility Committee and S Weisman will speak with P Alley.

S Weisman presented information on “ambassador gatherings”. These group meetings will happen later in the Spring/ Summer. The idea is to have 6 +/- people at homes and/or community halls to get together and have conversations about the new building and communicate what is going on.

**Design** - envisioning the new ST Library/Community Center:

G Tomasulo lead the discussion continuing from the January meeting discussion.

\* Conservation of homework

\* Images

\* Updated rooms on the data sheet/spread sheet

\* Relationship of rooms

\* Exterior of building

\* Project thesis description into a single statement

G Tomasulo said that the following items had been added to the spread sheet:

\* Teen Room

\* Furniture storage

\* Book sale area

\* The children’s room had been increased

Based on previous discussions/ and items to be added space for book storage (donated books for the book sale etc) and an EV charger were added.

The project sheet provides all the square footage needed and the total currently on the spread sheet is 6120. There was a question is there a basement and G Tomasulo said “not sure”. The square footage is “getting up there” and there was discussion on shared space and diagramming the space.

C Lerme presented:

\* There are too big of spaces

\* Library - stack/ sitting area should be one space

\* The kid’s space should be enclosed within the library and should be located on the road side so there is light and people see the light is on.

\* The library office should be near by

\* The office wing should be the welcome area/ gallery in the community room

\* Small sitting areas

\* The community center should be bigger to have teen room with room for games (ping pong) and be enclosed.

\* Meeting rooms…how big do they really need to be?

\* Where should the kitchen be?

\* Stage so a speaker may use it or for music presentations.

S Weisman presented:

\* Community room is the issue. The town needs a space for town meeting/ yoga

But how do we use this space day to day?

\* Moving walls? Expansive space. Set up as smaller entities.

M Turner presented:

\* Will this building be an emergency shelter? Answer: yes that is the plan.

\* Presented an exterior picture the new building.

C Smith presented:

\* Open spaces

\* Movable furniture

\* The Makerspace needs to be enclosed and maybe it should be close to the kid’s area.

S Wallace added that a sink was needed in the Makerspace area.

M Paddock presented:

\* We need to get these ideas on the board and start moving the spaces around so we can start the process of the design.

\* The committee is pretty much on the same page with what we want in the new building… space/ light/ windows/ welcoming to the community

\* The Makerspace can be a space that is also used for meetings or other activities. The materials could be stored in cubbies behind closet doors.

G Tomasulo clarified and asked that the homework he requested be emailed to him. A presentation of slides will be presented at the next meeting.

The homework that needs to be sent to G Tomasulo: Due: 2/16/2023

\* Exterior pictures of buildings one likes

\* A short thesis statement - what are we capturing in the building?

(Example: community/ gathering space/ social events etc.)

S Weisman presented the communication piece for February 2023 with the 4 goals that the committee is tasked with for 2023.

C Smith moved to accept the communication piece as amended. S Weisman seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the South Thomaston Town Office.

C Lerme moved to adjourn the meeting. S Weisman seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Moira Paddock

ST Library/Community Center Facility Committee