**Town of South Thomaston, ME**

**Library and Community Center Facility Committee**

Minutes of Meeting #19

May 16, 2023 at the South Thomaston, ME Town Office

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

Public: Pennie Alley

Zoom: Paul DiMaggio, Elizabeth Lunt and Maureen Spencer

S Weisman called the meeting to ordered at 6:01 pm.

S Weisman introduced the two new members of the committee to the group.

Kate Clark, Superintendent of School Unit #69 (Appleton Village School, Hope Elementary School, and Lincolnville Central School) K Clark has been a resident of South Thomaston for 3 years and in education for 40 years. Jan Gaudio, former selectman for the town of South Thomaston, retired Navy, and has been a resident of South Thomaston for 20 years. All the committee members introduced themselves and welcomed them.

Adjustments to the agenda:

S Weisman added that the minutes for April 6, 2023 will need to be approved as well as the March 28 minutes.

Public Comments for items not on the agenda:

P Alley  said there was “an illegal executive meeting held last week”. M Spencer said the exact thing. S Weisman said that she had just found out that when the nominating committee went into executive session, Zoom was not recording but that YouTube continued to broadcast the session. S Weisman said that was all she was going to say.

Minutes:

C Lerme moved to accept the minutes from March 28, 2023. C Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. (The 2 new members of the committee were voted in by the Selectboard on 4/25/23 and not eligible to vote)

C Lerme moved to accept the minutes from April 6, 2023. G Tomasulo seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. ( 2 members abstained since they were absent at this meeting and the new members were not eligible to vote.)

Due to schedules and absences in April, the committee planned to meet May 11 and May 25 but that will not happen. The May 11 meeting was moved to May 16th to accommodate all members and the next meeting will be June 1, 2023.

Old Business:

S Weisman presented the nominating committee report. The committee met on 5/8/23.

Status:

* One community member willing to serve on the non-profit board
* One community member interested in serving once other present commitments are completed.
* There are 3 community members that have agreed to meet with the nominating committee and talks will be on going.

Asking all committee members to generate names for consideration.

S Weisman said that the Ambassador groups were still on the agenda but no meetings had occurred yet. These are small group meetings in peoples’ home to talk about the project as well as public meetings once we have more visual materials to present.

G Tomasulo lead the discussion from where the committee left off at the last meeting on flow of space/ arrangements of rooms. G Tomasulo said there had been a good discussion last month and with that information presented flowing floor plans for both a one-story building and a 2-story building. (attached is a loose floor plan in its infancy.)

A lengthy discussion ensued about the position of the rooms, the square footage of the rooms and how the building sits on the property based on the floor plans. G Tomasulo continued to say no need to compromise and made notes on suggestions of moving rooms and needs. The one-story building had the community center wing on the left and the library wing on the right with a middle joining the 2 wings for a reception area and bathrooms to share for both.

The current GBC building is 59.5 X 109 = 6485.5 sq ft.

The loose floor plan of the 1 story building is 84 X 70 = 5880 sq ft

The two-story building version had the library on the main floor with community center on the lower level (below grade).

Discussion ensued on pros and cons of the 1 story vs. 2 stories. Discussion on teen room vs. game room, storage space and having a space large enough to hold the town meeting.

T Tomasulo will email out the floor plans with the changes so that at the next meeting the committee may continue the discussion on needs and flow of the building. Committee members are to think about the feedback and look at the diagram in relationship with the road (Rte 73).

New Business:

S Weisman said there will not be a town wide mailing in June since we do not have the visual and written material ready.

There was no correspondence.

Next scheduled meeting will be June 1, 2023 (the 1st Thursday of the month) at 6:00 pm at the South Thomaston, ME Town Office.

If committee members will be out of town, they were asked to send comments to G Tomasulo.

C Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. M Turner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Moira Paddock

ST Library/Community Center Facility Committee