**Town Of South Thomaston, ME**

**Library and Community Center Facility Committee**

Minutes of Meeting #20

June 1, 2023 at the South Thomaston, ME Town Office

Present:Sandy Weisman, co-chair, Gabe Tomasulo, co-chair, Jan Gaudio, Catherine Lerme, Moira Paddock, Candace Smith.

Absent: Kate Clark and Marcia Turner

Public: Pennie Alley

Zoom: no one

S Weisman called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

There were technical difficulties with Zoom and YouTube

Adjustments to agenda: none

Public Comments for items not on the agenda: none

**Minutes:**

J Gaudio moved to accept the minutes from May 16, 2023. C Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

**Old Business:**

G Tomasulo handed out a New Library and Community Center preliminary project planning information package (6 pages attached). He had emailed the information to committee members just prior to the meeting. This information incorporated all the information that had been handed in, said in meetings and also provided current pricing information based on sq ft.

G Tomasulo read the project mission statement which took into account all of the committee’s thesis statements.

G Tomasulo provided updated (but still evolving) floor plans for both 1 floor and 2 floors.  Discussion ensued on the design vision for both 1 floor and 2 floors. The committee’s consensus prefers 1 floor concept but will continue to pursue both floor plans.

G Tomasulo put together a collage of photos of existing libraries that committee members have submitted both inside and exterior with the look and feel the committee desires.

G Tomasulo reported that the current design is around 6300 sq ft and the price tags of $450.00 per sq ft was a good current number based a project he and the firm he works for had just completed. Members were encouraged to visit:

Wolfe’s Neck Center for Agriculture and the Environment

Smith Center for Education and Research

184 Burnett RD

Freeport, ME

The price tag ($3,600,000.00) also includes a 20% allowance for soft costs such as design fees, furniture, technology and other owner-provided equipment.

Discussion ensued about including a deck/patio, moving the kitchen, increasing room size for the Maker’s Space and most importantly the orientation of the building with the road (rte 73). G Tomasulo will again email the updates of the floor plan to the committee.

There were further questions concerning fire suppression system and generator or battery backup.

The package was very well received and committee thanked G Tomasulo for consolidating the information. This package will be able to be used at informational meetings.

**New Business:**

S Weisman presented information on “How are we going to fund raise?”

\* Silent campaign - direct solicitation

\* Grants

\* Feasibility Study

\* Outline for going forward

\* Case Statement

\* Leila Murphy’s recommendations - S Weisman handed out her discussion with L Murphy

\* Little Green Light software

\* Major Campaign

S Weisman said the nominating committee did not meet due to scheduling conflicts.

There was no correspondence.

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

C Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. G Tomasulo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Moira Paddock

ST Library/ Community Center Facility Committee