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Selectboard Minutes
Date: December 18, 2024, 6:00 PM at the Gilford Butler Community Center

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

Present: John Spear (Selectboard Chair), Sue Snow (Selectboard), Jeff Northgraves (Selectboard), Pennie Alley (LCCFC Co-Chair), Kevin Bunker (LCCFC Co-Chair), Michael Kalinowski (LCCFC), Virginia Slawson (LCCFC), Lynn Tootill, (LCCFC),

Others Present: Elaine Smith, Sandy Weisman, Sondra Wallace, Gabe Tomasulo, Nancy Goslin, Peter Jorgensen, Sondra Palmer, Pam Hooydonk, Adrain Hooydonk, Ann Just, Linda Palmer

Zoom: John Kalinowski (LCCFC), Merle Rockwell, Paul Dimaggio, Terri Baines

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Spear led the pledge of allegiance
- III. **Adjustments to Agenda**
 - a. No adjustments to the agenda
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. **Presentation from Library and Community Center Facilities Committee Re: Planning Activities to Date**
 - i. Bunker started the presentation and talked about what they are trying to achieve at the Gilford Butler Center. They have been working with Winston Architects to come up with draft. The LCCFC would like to hold another public hearing in January for more discussion.
 1. The building needs an addition which needs to be on either side of the building. The building will do best on the right side.
 2. The lower level could be used, but the plan as of right now is not dependent on the use of the basement. There was much talk about the functions such as flow, stairs, and elevators. They would like to keep the stairs and expand the bathrooms and install the LULU Lift which is a handicap accessible lift but not an elevator.
 3. Concern from the public about the roof not holding solar panels, this is not the final design and spoke about solar panels, but the roof may not be the best place for it but its not final.



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4. Alley states that the meeting room would be good for community space and Town Meetings, and would enjoy having the space downstairs for recreational spaces for all ages.

b. Question and Comments From Selectboard

- i. Northgraves asked about cost estimates even if it's a rough estimate, and Bunker stated that they have not started yet, hopefully by next Spring they can start looking at costs. Koffel added that they need a lot of electrical and engineering work. Snow suggested that solar panels should not go on the roof. Spear asked about the posts in the meeting room which would be a problem. The roof line between the addition and the existing building is to minimize snow drip load but if the little space for the gala is necessary, to the extend the meeting room into that space instead.

c. Question and Comments From Pubic

- i. The Selectboard decided to turn the emails of concern to the LCCFC to respond as they see fit.
- ii. The public had questions about the sizing of the rooms and making sure there is enough space for activities, how to make the building more green energy efficient, and where the solar panels will go.
- iii. Some of the big questions discussed was where to put the kitchen. The public believes it's a good idea to have the kitchen not in the front office but the multipurpose room instead for the public to have easier access. As well as parking as they don't see that the parking now or on the draft plans will accommodate everyone for a Town Meeting. The Facilities Committee brought up using the nearby church and the side of the road as parking.

V. Adjourn

- a. Spear adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM

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