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Senior Center Building Committee Meeting

November 8, 2023

6:00 p.m. Room 9, Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by George Hooper, Chair.

Members present via Roll Call: Diane Allan, Vice-Chair, Paul Melaragni, Terri Marciello, Senior Center Director, Theresa Manganelli, Finance Comm., Lilia Maselli, Select Board.

Guests: Residents of Wilmington.

Absent: Dan Pallotta, OPM, Lou Cimaglia, Acting Town Manager.

- George Hooper asked for approval of the minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting. Motion to accept made by Paul Melaragni. Seconded by Terri Marciello. Unanimous acceptance. October 11, 2023 minutes approved.

- ✦ **Reference Project Schedule hand out.**

Groundbreaking

The groundbreaking on October 25, 2023 went very well and there was a very good turnout. Senator Feingold and State Rep. Dave Robertson attended. George thanked Terri for the after-party. Theresa thanked those involved with putting it together and felt it was very well done.

Update on Construction

The site has been cleared on 99% of the property. The trailers have arrived and are waiting for the power to be connected. Testing of soil is being conducted. There have been no changes so far with the exception of a 130 ft. tall tree that was determined needed to be removed for safety reasons. Weekly construction meetings have been and will continue to be every Thursday at 1 p.m. J&J Construction has been great. Some of the Committee members had high compliments for their professionalism and enthusiasm for the project.

Update on Project Schedule

George gave out a 3-week look-ahead schedule to the Committee. Construction is right on target. The foundation will be poured in the next few weeks to the frost level. Diane asked about gas hookup and George explained that there will be utility hookups coming as part of the established schedule. Provided the timeline continues to be on track they should start framing in April. Paul asked if there had been any comments from the abutters to the property. George stated that he received some once the trees were cleared. He expects that more comments

will come as the construction progresses. The OPM distributed notices to all of the abutters as well as the newsletters and newsletters will continue to be distributed as things progress.

George introduced Dennis Kelley of Public Buildings. Dennis is now on the permanent building committee as well as he will be succeeding George in January when he retires. George plans to continue to Chair this committee after retirement.

Upcoming Meetings

George feels that there is no need to have regular meetings right now. He will contact the committee if anything comes up that needs to be addressed by the committee. In future, there will be a need for a furnishings and equipment sub-committee, but he will put that information out later.

Public Comments

A representative from the local iron works union inquired about whether the metal work has been awarded. He had further questions about the sub-contractors. George took his card and will have Dan reach out to him. No further comments.

- George entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Jack Holloway. Seconded by Lil Maselli. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Sanderson
Secretary