

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 24, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Tony Tarnowski, Kevin Hastings, Ron Silberman, Joe Ruiz, Majorie Mlodzinski, Sean Nadeau

Alternates in Attendance: Madelyn Starkey, Geraldine Transue

Members Absent: Marilyn Turner

Alternates Absent: None

Others Present: Director of Senior Services Patty Watts; Silver/Petrucci: David Stein; CSG: Jonathan Gumbotz; Board of Selectmen Liaison: Rosemary Coyle; Board of Finance Member: Tim Vaillancourt; Citizens: M. Dubreuil, K. Kardys, C. Russi, Linda Paternak, R. Avery

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tarnowski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Seating of Alternate members:** None
3. **Amendments to Agenda:** None
4. **Citizens Comments:** M. Dubreuil looks forward to seeing a plan presented that keeps the cost of the project below \$9.5 million as well as items he has identified in correspondence being addressed such as negative balances. He identified inconsistencies within the budget and payments that cannot be verified with meeting minutes. L. Pasternak asked about the possibility of people being able to donate a tree or bush in memory of someone as the landscape line item was reduced. C. Russi thanked the committee for their involvement in the project. She feels there is a need to determine creative and appropriate ways to raise funds. There are people willing to work on this initiative.
5. **Approval of minutes of January 10, 2023:**
K. Hastings motioned to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023. S. Nadeau seconded the motion. Members voted via roll call. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **Correspondence:** Notification was received from Ryan Acosta with approval from DECD of BRD Builders. Chairman Tarnowski continues to forward correspondence received to members.
7. **Approval of Invoices**
 - a. **Dawn LePage:** S. Nadeau motioned to approve the invoice for SCBC Clerk for December 13, 2022 and January 10, 2023 meetings in the amount of \$140.00. R. Silberman seconded the motion. All members voted via roll call. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - b. **Silver Petrucci:** None
 - c. **CSG:** None
8. **Status of Contract with BRD Builders:** The contract is close to being completed. Value engineering cannot be negotiated prior to the contract being signed. After the contract is signed it can be discussed and all parties involved can work to determine a firm cost that can be brought to the BOS & BOF for them to then decide what avenue they choose to address the shortfall.
9. **Public Information Sub-committee Report and discussion:**
 - a. **Ground Breaking Ceremony:** The ceremony remains on hold until the contract has been signed.
10. **CSG Update**
 - a. **Budget Review, Adjustments and Transfers**
 - i. **Budget transfer from Dec. 10 meeting:** There are conflicts between the budget received from finance and what the committee is showing. The business manager

for the town has asked Chairman Tarnowski to sit down with her and go through the conflicting numbers. CSG will also take a look at the discrepancies.

- b. **RFP for Testing services:** CSG should have a draft copy of the RFP for testing services by the next meeting.
- c. **RFP for Commissioning Agent:** The RFP for the commissioning agent does not need to be done yet.
- d. **Project Kick-off Meeting:** Once the contract is in place a kick-off meeting will be scheduled.

11. Silver/Petrucelli Update:

- a. **Construction Phase:** Once the contract is signed, First Selectman Bisbikos will send notice to both CSG and Silver/Petrucelli to proceed to the construction phase of the contract as outlined in the contract documents with them.
- b. **FF&E Update:** None

12. Open Items

- a. **Eversource Gas Easement:** Once the contract is signed there will be a meeting with BRD to begin the discussion on running the line.
- b. **DECD Grant Update:** No additional discussion.
- c. **Patty Watts Presentation:** P. Watts has been made aware of a funding opportunity through AARP. The Connecticut AARP is inviting organizations to apply for the 2023 Community Challenge Grant Program. It is intended to fund quick action projects.. March 15th is the application deadline with a completion date of November 30, 2023. The new center will not be built by then. Waiting to apply next year or applying to purchase items that can be moved to the new center are both possibilities. P. Watts will look into the application process. There is also more ARPA money being designated for senior centers. Specifics on the amount or uses of the funds are not yet known.

- 13. Citizens Comments:** M. Dubreuil urged for a referendum as we are currently preparing to sign a contract for the project with budget conflicts. C. Russi questioned some of the specifics of the available grants discussed during the meeting.

- 14. Adjournment:** S. Nadeau motioned to adjourn. K. Hastings seconded the motion. Chairman Tarnowski adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

Submitted by,

Dawn LePage, Clerk

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