

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 25, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

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MINUTES

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

Alternates in Attendance: Madelyn Starkey, Geraldine Transue

Members Absent: Majorie Mlodzinski, Marilynn Turner

Alternates Absent: None

Others Present: Director of Senior Services Patty Watts; Silver/Petrucelli: Chris Nardi; CSG: Mark Garilli, Jonathan Gombotz; BOF Member Tim Vaillancourt, Citizens: Cathy Russi, Linda Pasternak,

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:** None
5. **Approval of minutes of October 19, 2022:** R. Silberman motioned to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting amending to reflect discussion of further savings as well as long term savings from a metal roof compared to asphalt shingles. K. Hastings seconded the motion. Members voted via roll call. All members voted in favor with S. Nadeau abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **Correspondence:** Will discuss items further along in the agenda.
7. **Approval of Invoices**
 - a. **Dawn LePage:** None
 - b. **Silver Petrucelli:** S. Nadeau motioned to approve Silver/Petrucelli invoice number 22-1157, dated 10/01/22, in the amount of \$17,264, seconded by J. Ruiz. Vote was done via roll call. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - c. **CSG:** None
8. **Discussion of Contract with BRD Builders and Additional Funding Sources:** Chairman Tarnowski met with BOS Liaison R. Coyle, BOF Liaison A. Shilosky and First Selectman Bisbikos. They feel the most feasible way to fund the million dollar funding shortage would be to use \$500,000 Bendas funds, \$300,000 from undesignated fund balance, and \$200,000 from ARPA funds. According to the town attorney and bonding council, using these funding sources can be used without having to go back out to referendum. Boards do not want to commit to that money prior to the budget referendum. After the referendum a joint meeting will be held with the boards and the building committee to further discuss how to address the funding shortage. Chairman Tarnowski spoke to Bob O'Brien making him aware of the timeline; bid amount can only be held for 90 days. He can have the contract to the potential builder by mid December. CSG, S/P, and Chairman Tarnowski are going to meet with BRD Builders tomorrow to update them on the process. S. Nadeau asked about the possibility of going out to bid again. C. Nardi said that is risky as bids could come in higher. He does not think the cost would differ greatly. Chairman Tarnowski reiterated that the decision on how to proceed is in the hands of the BOS and BOF. He sees the possibilities as being: BOF and BOS make a transfer of funds, go back out to referendum, send the project back to the committee and tell them to bring the cost down, or disband the committee and put together a new committee.
9. **Public Information Sub-committee Report and discussion**
 - a. **Groundbreaking Ceremony Update:** The groundbreaking ceremony is being put on hold until the future of the project is certain. G. Transue would like the planning of the ceremony to be

discussed as a group when it does happen. P. Watts feels a statement needs to be made with an explanation for the delay.

10. CSG Update

- a. **Budget Review, Adjustments and Transfers:** J. Gombotz made some necessary changes to the budget reallocating funds. There was discussion about the cost of the gas line connection and if part of the cost is for a line that will be used by Town Hall.
- b. **Design Group - FF&E - Meeting Update:** Costs from vendors are still needed.

11. Silver/Petrucelli Update: None

12. Open Items

- a. **Eversource Gas Easement:** None
- b. **DECD Grant Update:**
 - i. **Contract with State of Connecticut:** Chairman Tarnowski spoke with Bob O'Brien to let him know the project is on hold due to funding.
- c. **ARPA Funds - Status:** None

13. Citizens Comments: C. Russi agreed that a statement should be made to let seniors know the status of the project. She suggested furnishing only a portion of the multipurpose room at this time, reusing furniture, and fundraising for exercise equipment as ways to cut costs.

14. Adjournment: J. Ruiz motioned to adjourn. Chairman Tarnowski adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by,

Dawn LePage, Clerk