

## Enhancement Committee Minutes

February 16, 2017

Members Present: Lynn Goldberg, Martha Aasen.

Excused: Jo Fuchs-Luscombe, Stan Nayer, Gloria Stashower, Mildred Bunche, Leslie Wolf.

Guests: Cathy Walsh, Don Bergman.

Ex-Officio: Susan Pfister, Avi Kaner, Steve Smith

Lynn called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Steve Smith made a motion to accept the minutes which Martha Aasen seconded. There was no discussion, so the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Steve announced that we have hired a construction manager for the project, A.P. Construction Company. After interviewing three qualified candidates (winnowed down from all of the applicants to the RFP), the building sub-committee chose the lowest cost one. The construction manager is the same one that the library is using for their project. S. Pfister met with team and seems very comfortable.

The building sub committee recommended moving ahead with the projected Enhancement. The Building & Site committee will vote on our proposal at their next meeting. Lynn made a motion supporting this recommendation "that the Enhancement Committee support continuing the Enhancement project by applying to the P&Z for an 8-24, based on the schematic design A+R Architecture." Martha Aasen Seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

We plan to ask the P&Z to approve the project at the March 2 meeting. Sue has a list of the neighbors who will receive letters about our request. We filed an application for the 8-24 with P&Z. Cathy Walsh spoke about the procedure for appearing before the P&Z. She noted that "less is more" and that we did not need to have people stand up and speak about the project. She liked the fact that we have included many written letters from people about the Center and why they feel it is important.

Lynn and Sue gave a recap of our grant requests. No news on our application to the state bonding commission which is being sponsored by our legislators. We applied to the Woman's Club for the Ruegg grant to install an audio loop in the building to help the hearing impaired. We are not applying for small towns grant because we do not feel there is any possibility that we would receive the money based upon the workshop Sue and Lynn attended in Hartford.

The approval process for Enhancement is to go to P&Z March 2, apply for a variance to do the additional parking lot (cutting down the knoll) so we can go before the ZBA, and go before the Board of Finance on April 5. Later, we will appear before the appropriate RTM subcommittees, full RTM and Board of Selectman. We will probably have other appearances as well like with the Architectural Review Board.

Future action: If you missed today's meeting, would you consider writing a few short sentences about what the senior center means to you and giving it to Sue? We will use these personal statement in our BOF application.

Mark your calendar for 3/2 P&Z meeting. We will be first on the agenda and would like people to attend and support us. Please write an email to the P&Z voicing your support if you cannot attend.

Board of Finance meeting 4/5. This could be a late meeting. Please email the BOF to voice your support for the project if you cannot attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Goldberg.