

PUBLIC SITE AND BUILDING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
May 11, 2023 – 5:00 PM
Note: This meeting was held remotely by Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Public Site and Building Commission:

Joe Strickland, Chairman	_____X_____
Russ Blair	_____
Kevin Huelster	_____X_____
Ed Kowalcyk	_____
Lisa Mockler Taylor	_____
Joe Vallone	_____
Richard Vornkahl	_____
Mark Ripka	_____X_____

Building Department:

Steve Smith	_____X_____
Sandra Wright	_____X_____

Fire Marshal Terrence Dunn _____

Joe Strickland stated that since there was not a quorum, approval of the minutes of the April meeting would be deferred.

1. DOUBLEDAY FIELDHOUSE RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:
(WESTPORT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE CLUBHOUSE)

Joe Strickland introduced Anna Rycenga, Senior Administrative Project Manager with Land Tech. Anna presented information on the project. The project includes demolition of the existing clubhouse and constructing a new clubhouse at the same location, 170 Riverside Avenue. She discussed the current and proposed use for the clubhouse. Anna reported that a detailed inspection report prepared by Mike Frawley, Superintendent of Facilities for the Town of Westport, recommended replacement of the clubhouse. Anna stated that the project will be privately funded with some work and materials being donated. Schematic elevation drawings and the clubhouse floor plans were shared by Lucien Vita of Vita Designs, architect for the project. Several design suggestions were discussed including the addition of a small roof over the food service window, a ground level storage area (as opposed to using the basement), and the addition of a means of accommodating accessibility to the second floor. A discussion followed regarding the timeline for approvals which seemed inordinately long. Joe Strickland stated that he and Mark Ripka would make up the PSBC subcommittee who will work with Land Tech’s team on the WPAL Clubhouse project. Consensus among the PSBC members in attendance was that this would be a positive development for the Town.

2. GILLESPIE CENTER RENOVATIONS PROJECT:

Steve Smith stated that changes are being made to the Gillespie Center lease which were made conditions of the DOH funding. The agreement requires maintaining the building as a shelter for 14-15 years. He added that approvals of the modified lease agreement should be obtained by the end of the month and that he hopes to go out to construction bidders for the project by June 1. Steve noted that an extension of the previously DOH imposed end of year construction spending requirement had been requested.

In other business, Steve Smith reported that bids have gone out for the installation of the septic system for Project Return and that the deadline for bid submissions is Monday, May 15, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Sandra Wright
Secretary

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The Honorable Jennifer Tooker
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