

Senior Center Building Committee
Monday, November 7, 2022

In Attendance: Bobbi Grant, Gary Weiner, Duane Mosier, Mike Fedora, Carol Keeney, John Matthews, Cliff Bombard, Don Collins, Rita Vail, Becky Moriarty (ex-officio), John Flynn (BOS liaison via ZOOM)

Guest: Claudia Kapinos

Having not yet established a Chair for the group, Duane Mosier volunteered to open and run the meeting.

Meeting called to order and all members introduced themselves. All members were reminded to stop by the Town Clerk's office to be sworn in as a member of this committee. Lyman Wood has stepped down from the committee.

It was recommended that the Election of Officers (chair, vice-chair, and secretary/clerk) be done at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes were discussed. Suggestion was made to record each meeting and pay to have a clerk transcribe from the recording. No decision was made. Becky Moriarty volunteered to take minutes as an alternative to hiring someone for transcription.

Meeting Schedule was discussed, and it was determined that the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month would be the best meeting time for the group. The meeting will be scheduled to begin at 11:00 A.M. and will be held at the senior center. Meetings will likely last for 1 hour with flexibility to run over if necessary. Next meetings will be 11/28, 12/12, 1/9 and 1/23. Becky Moriarty will be responsible for posting meetings on the town website, town calendar and with the town clerk.

A request for occupancy numbers was requested and those numbers will be made available at the next meeting.

A request was made for the total cost of the feasibility study. This number will be provided at the next meeting.

Current building plans are available in the senior center. The Director has copies in her office and there are additional copies in the craft room closet.

Senior Center Director handed out several documents and provided a summary of each and answered questions about some of the documents from the committee.

Documents distributed included: agenda, list of committee members with email addresses, the Building Committee Charge as voted by the Board of Selectmen on 10/3/2022, Town of Hampden 2022 Census data from the US Census Bureau, a list of active senior center

participants from towns other than Hampden, the total number of unduplicated older adults utilizing the building that reside in Hampden and Hampden Senior Center Expansion Study Meeting Notes and Summary of Goals and Objectives provided by edm, the architectural firm that completed the Senior Center Feasibility Study.

Question regarding usage of the building and looking ahead to make sure that any addition is going to be adequate to provide programs and services into the future. Examples provided regarding times when programs must be cancelled in order to accommodate large group events in the great room and small events in the craft room. More discussion on this topic will take place at the next meeting to include a review of the Expansion Meeting Notes document.

Questions came up about the finances for the building. There is not currently a budget set. There are other town projects that are also coming into play over the next several months/years.

Green Building Ideas were not mentioned in the feasibility study. Look into grant opportunities for things such as roof replacement and solar, etc.

Construction and material costs have risen since 2020 when the feasibility study was done. Senior Center Director reported that edm, the architect, can provide more updated construction numbers for discussion.

As time goes on, it may be necessary to have the wetlands around the building flagged.

Timeline discussion for the project.

A tentative agenda for the next meeting was distributed by Duane Mosier. A list of current programs and programs that are not able to happen due to space constraints will be provided at the next meeting in addition to a maintenance schedule/summary for the current building.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Next meeting: November 28th at 11:00AM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca C. Moriarty, Senior Center Director and Ex-Officio committee member