

## Community/Senior Center Meeting Minutes

P.Stockwell , Clerk

Date: 6/28/23

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Meeting Rm 1 Town Hall

Purpose: Confirm Architect & Next Steps

Attendees: Andrew Golas – Town Administrator, Karyn Riopel - Chair, Pat Stockwell - Clerk, Donald Konopacki, Hank Camosse, Michael Zereski

Chair Karyn Riopel called the meeting to order.

Karyn noted that per our last meeting T2 Architects was our top choice, which we confirmed. Andrew noted that the next step would be to contact them and clarify expectations, timeframe, scope, special engineering expertise requirements etc. and to get a feel for the process. He indicated our initial budget is \$50,000. but their cost is \$77,000. plus, fees for optional survey, hazards, traffic etc. of +35K This is based upon 1 site choice for evaluation at the Arts & Activities Center location on Dresser Hill Rd. Feasibility typically brings you up to the actual building design phase.

There was discussion about negotiating with T2 for a phased approach that initially pares down the scope to a lighter version to bring down costs within budget. Andrew mentioned the possibility of some remaining ARPA money from the Fire Station project that the BoS might reallocate if requested.

The site has a Mass 21E environmental report due to a tank leak that was resolved. If some large unforeseen expense arose, a new site would be chosen. Andrew is aware of site surveys done by McClure Engineering for previous work at the site and agreed to reach out for that info.

It was decided to first negotiate with T2 on the price and initial services before voting to request ARPA money. **Vote taken - unanimous.**

Some brief discussion about the next moves and whether tours are needed since we've had trouble scheduling. It was decided individuals can visit the properties if they desire and if Andrew is contacted he can reach out to let them know when someone is coming. Don mentioned a friend in Upton where T2 recently completed a project that has similar town sentiment and how pleased they were with how it was handled and presented to make it happen.

It was agreed the Kickoff meeting with T2 will be held at the Arts & Activities Center site and Don, who is very familiar with the property, can give us a tour and answer questions. Andrew will schedule that meeting.

**Karyn motioned to adjourn. Pat seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.**