

Lymes' Senior Center Building Committee

5:00 PM March 8, 2023

Via ZOOM

Present: Jeri Baker, John Kiker, Mary Stone, Alan Sheiness, Russell Learned, Bennett Bernblum, Rick Goulding, Skip Beebe, Ken Biega, David Lahm (ex officio), Stephanie Gould (ex officio)

Absent: Tim Griswold (ex officio),

Members of the Public: Carole Diffley

I. Call to order: Baker called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

II. Minutes – of February 8, 2023 –move to approve Bernblum, seconded by Kiker. Motion carried.

III. Communications: none

IV. Guests – none

V. Old Business - none

V. New Business

Latest cost estimate for center project development:

- Latest cost estimate (Design Development) will be available by March 15, 2023 for immediate distribution to the committee and town officials. Review meeting by working group on 3/16 with Point One
- BOF Meeting for proposed new budget approval March 21, 2023
- Only major proposed change to plan is to create a “quiet room” from space in new Art/Craft room and by request of the Director for multiple, more private service. Can also be a shared space for needed meetings. Motion to approve by Stone, second by Gould. Motion carried
- Baker discussed ongoing discussions with Point One to address Director’s concerns, especially about storage (from 2/22/2023 meeting) and additional lists of requests submitted just prior to this meeting.
- **Other contacts update:**
 1. Feb. 13, 2023 – Meeting with Gould, Baker, Lahm, Griswold, Don Bugbee and local police to decide on addition of new gate near the entrance of towns Wood Park. It was approved to be installed as soon as funding is available
 2. Feb 16, 2023 – Baker and Sheiness met with Green Bank approved solar vendor to address feasibility of solar installation for the center. Information lead to conclusion that a solar system is not a choice for the center at this time but may be in an alternative in the future
 3. Feb. 21, 2023 – Baker, Sheiness, Griswold and Lahm and David Kelsey met to update town officials on meeting with the solar vendor and conclusions drawn
 4. Feb. 22, 2023 – Baker Gould and Point One architects met for the purpose of determination of program space use and to hear any concerns by the director
 5. Feb. 28, 2023 – Working group members Biega, Baker, Learned and Sheiness met to prepare for upcoming Old Lyme BOF March 21st meeting
 6. March 2, 2023 – Baker and Point One met with Tom Meyer, Old Lyme Facilities and It Coordinator to present an overview of the plans and discuss needs for cameras, alarms and IT installation

7. March 2, 2023 – Baker met with Tim Griswold about storage and the possible ARPA funds available through the Dept. of Aging and Disabilities Services. During the meeting Mr. Griswold alerted Baker to the invitation by the Estuary Council to host congregate lunches during construction shutdown and offer bus transportation to our members.

8. March 2, 2023 - Rep. Devin Carney reached out to Baker for assistance in submitting bond request through the state house of representatives. He had contacted Mr. Griswold. UPDATE: March 8, 2023 request will be submitted. Baker advised Carney to please contact Mr. Griswold to update.

9. March 5, 2023 – Baker received call from Selectwoman Shoemaker that application for federal CDS grant funding is available through the support of Senator Chris Murphy.

10. Baker attended Old Lyme BOS meeting to hear presentation of possible CDS direct funding by Erin McBride, aide to Senator Murphy. Deadline for submission is March 19, 2023. Work has begun on submission.

11. March 8, 2023 - Committee received emails from Director Gould to preview before meeting. Baker added updated dimensional plans for review and update of information.

12. March 20, 2023 – During her monthly update to the board of directors Baker will review latest plans that will enable board members to speak to them with other members. Large version to be posted in the center.

13. Communications from Director Gould with multiple lists of concerns sent to committee were reviewed

- **Building Concerns – Stephanie Gould** – additional items of concern (coat closet location, puzzles, size and sink for nurse’s office) were presented and discussed by the committee. Director was reminded that the committee decided in a previous meeting to keep the plan for the nurse as presented.

VI. Public comment: Carole Diffley – Estuary Council Kitchen Manager for the center raised a concern about a designated separate dining space for congregate lunches.

- Prior to Adjournment member Stone raised concern about the size of the Director’s office again and wished that concern to be on record.

VII. Adjournment: Kiker moved to adjourn, seconded by Gould. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m.

Next regular meeting date: April 12, 2023 at 5p.m. Effort to meet at the center if possible.

Respectfully submitted by Jeri Baker, Building Committee Chair