

## Lymes' Senior Center Building Committee

5:00 PM June 14, 2023

### At the Lymes' Senior Center

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

**Absent:** Rick Goulding

**Members of the Public:** none

**I. Call to order:** Baker called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

**II. Minutes – May 10, 2023** – Motion to approve by Sheiness, seconded by Beebe. Motion carried.

**III. Communications:** none

**IV. Guests** – Point One Architects - Greg Nucci, Kelsy Janus and Kristen DiLoreto

**V. Old business**

- **Other Old Business** - none

### **V. New Business**

#### **Referendum/Vote update**

Attendance at Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> special town meeting was sparse but productive and overall supportive. Voting is June 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8pm at the Old Lyme Middle School.

#### **Updates for plan:**

1. **Tree/shrub removal** – removal for trees and shrubs needed for the new driveway plan preliminarily recommended with the condition of future replacement. Tree commission to meet June 15, 2023 for final approval.
2. **Change to plan** – Discussion of need for a small septic system to accommodate new bathroom and additional sinks at the south end of construction. Soils testing and approval of Ledgelight Health District also needed. Gould will also plan for pumping of current system prior to construction. Motion to approve by Learned, seconded by Kiker. Motion carried.
3. **Memorial Garden preservation** – garden bricks will be removed and stored for protection.
4. **Transition Plan** – Extensive discussion about planning for construction. Building contents to be assessed and planned for discard, possible sale and storage. Gould will work with towns for options; Baker will assist with storage options. Baker also stressed that an updated FAQ document on our web page should be established. Initial working groups for transition through construction proposed:
  - Building contents – Gould, Stone
  - Fundraising – Kiker, Sheiness
  - Owner Liaison – Baker, Biega, Learned
  - Sheiness also proposed that an ongoing working group needed for tracking finances throughout project - TBD

**Fundraising** – Initial discussion for private fundraising with working group defined. Sheiness also discussed how the Friends 501c3 can be involved. Baker requested that Old Lyme needs to plan separate dedicated capital account for any donations. Griswold will explore.

Baker also updated grant information to include the new ARPA funds available to the towns from the CT Department of Aging and Disability Services. Both Lyme and Old Lyme will apply for funds for AV/speaker system upgrades. STEAP window yet to be announced.

Lahm/Griswold – will also explore bonding for the fire suppression engineering piece of the plan to off set that cost.

**Contacts/meetings update:** Baker/Kiker will attend a meeting at St. Ann’s Church on June 25<sup>th</sup> by invitation.

**Other New business:**

- Extensive discussion to approve either seeking a construction management firm or a general contractor for the project. Motion to seek construction management firm – Kiker moved, Learned seconded. Motion carried.
- On June 15<sup>th</sup> Baker and Greg Nucci from Point One will meet with the representative from CMI Sound Systems for a tour of the building with the focus on possible AV/speaker system consideration.

**VI. Adjournment:** Beeb moved to adjourn, seconded by Stone. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25p.m.

**Next regular meeting date: July 12, 2023 at 5p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Jeri Baker, Building Committee Chair