

MEETING of the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee held Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Blanchard, Shirley Hodson, Raymond Menard and Mona Minutelli.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathan Mospaw as an alternate voting member and Town Council Liaison Nancy F. Binns.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Albert Lapierre was excused.

Business considered and acted upon:

1. VOTED to accept the minutes of the meeting of the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee of December 3, 2008, and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Ronald Blanchard. Seconded by Kathan Mospaw. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Ronald Blanchard, Shirley Hodson, Raymond Menard, Mona Minutelli and Kathan Mospaw. Albert Lapierre was excused.

2. Unfinished business: None

3. Review/consider/act on pending issues:

Review and discuss applications for potential funding sources.

Raymond Menard discussed the application process for the Levy Foundation and the Champlin Foundation. He noted that he and Shirley Hodson met with Town Planner Thomas Kravitz and Town Manager Michael C. Wood regarding an application for funding to the Levy Foundation. Subsequently Mr. Menard asked the Town Planner to hold off on submitting the application to the Levy Foundation because the completed application differed from what was discussed at their meeting.

The current economic situation and limited availability of grant funds were discussed.

Mr. Menard stated that he received the site plan for the police station expansion from Public Works Director Richard Bernardo. He will be comparing the overlay of the expansion with the plan for a senior center at the Oakland site.

There was discussion of studies that the administration has been doing for other possible locations for a senior center including the

Columbus Club property. Nancy Binns explained that the Town Council must explore all options in order to make the most prudent decisions. Nancy Binns also explained that there are a number of unsettled factors that will impact the town's future budgets including State municipal and school aide, the expiring Ocean State Power contract and the teachers' contract.

There was discussion of the timing of holding a special election for a bond issue.

VOTED to change the date of the bond issue vote to September.

Motion by Ronald Blanchard. Seconded by Kathan Mospaw. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Ronald Blanchard, Shirley Hodson, Raymond Menard, Mona Minutelli and Kathan Mospaw. Albert Lapierre was excused.

4. Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings: None

5. VOTED to adjourn at 10:46 A.M.

Motion by Kathan Mospaw. Seconded by Raymond Menard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Ronald Blanchard, Shirley Hodson, Raymond Menard, Mona Minutelli and

Kathan Mospaw. Albert Lapierre was excused.