

Minutes of the Lymes' Senior Center Building Committee Meeting

5:00 PM February 14, 2024

Old Lyme Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Absent: David Lahm (ex officio), Martha Shoemaker (ex officio)

Members of the Public: Peter Lucchese, Diana Seckla, Jeremy Crisp, Christina Gotowka

I. Call to order: Baker called the meeting to order at 5:11pm.

II. Guests: Steve Buccheri, of Newfield Construction Management, Greg Nucci, Point One Architects

III. Executive session – to discuss contractor bids/contract/prices/ process - Motion by Learned, seconded by Sheiness. Commenced 5:14 pm. Motion to reconvene to public session at 6:20pm made by Learned, seconded by Stone. Motion carried. Baker announced to public that no decisions or votes made during executive session.

III. Minutes – January 10, 2024 – Motion to approve, Goulding, seconded by Beebe. Motion carried

IV. Old Business

- **ARPA/financing update** – Baker reviewed ARPA grant process by towns for funds to offset A/V upgrades. Acknowledged Old Lyme BOF possible processes to fund project.
- **Building Plan Update** – Working group met from 3-5 pm to begin process of addressing possible solutions to the 1.3 million in bids that exceeds the approved budget. Newfield and Point One will continue to develop approaches to address the excess. Discussion generated various options of possible approaches to the plan and to the towns (e.g. possible future financing, seeking value engineering, possible short term deferment of parts of the plan.) Point One, Newfield, and Baker will meet with the Old Lyme fire marshal and building official on 2/16/2024 to discuss possible approval of alternate fire protection system.
- **Builders' Risk Insurance** – Old Lyme has approved a policy with Selective Insurance to be implemented for one year.
- **Fundraising** – Sheiness reviewed rationale for seeking larger donations

V. Other Old Business – none

VI. New Business – Restructure plan of building committee for construction phase – Draft proposal for development of working groups to facilitate decisions and information outside of monthly meetings was discussed and commented. Special meetings will be called when necessary. Zoom meetings encouraged. Motion to adopt plan by Bernblum, seconded by Goulding. Motion carried.

VII. Other New Business: none

Stone moved to add public comment to the meeting agenda, seconded by Kiker. Vote 5-3 to deny motion, Bernblum left meeting before motion and vote.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Sheiness, seconded by Goulding. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm
Next regular meeting date March 13, 2024 at the Old Lyme Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by Jeri Baker, Building Committee Chair