

## Minutes of the Lymes' Senior Center Building Committee Meeting

5:00 PM March 13, 2024

### Old Lyme Town Hall Meeting Room

**Present:** Jeri Baker, Mary Stone, Bennett Bernblum, Alan Sheiness, Russell Learned, Rick Goulding, Skip Beebe, Martha Shoemaker (ex officio)

**Absent:** David Lahm (ex officio), Ken Biega, John Kiker, Stephanie Gould (ex officio)

**Members of the Public:** Christina Gotowka, Mariette McCourt, Fred Verillo, Debbie Fazzino

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

**II. Guests:** none

**III. Minutes – February 14 2024 Regular Meeting** – Motion to accept by Learned, seconded by Beebe. Motion carried. **February 28 2024 Special Meeting** – Date corrected, Remove Motions to enter and exit executive sessions – Motion to accept as corrected by Sheiness, seconded by Learned. Bernblum abstained from vote to approve. Motion carried. **March 6 2024 Special Meeting** – Remove motion to exit executive session. Add “No action taken during executive session” – Motion to approve as corrected by Sheiness, seconded by Learned. Motion carried.

**IV. Old Business –**

- **Fundraising** – Sheiness reviewed possible strategy to seek large individual donations previously discussed by committee. Shoemaker and Lahm to develop approach to corporate donors. Shoemaker, Lahm, Sheiness, Kiker and Bernblum to meet.

**V. Other Old Business** – none

**VI. New Business –**

1. **Plan to move forward with town votes – calendar for public information sessions, current planning for town votes and other public forums discussed. Current information available:**
  - 3/18/24 for the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen, 5:30pm
  - 3/19/24 for the Old Lyme Board of Finance, 7pm
  - 3/25/24 for Old Lyme Public Information Session – Old Lyme town Hall Meeting Room – time TBD
  - 4/15/24 – Old Lyme town vote - TBD

**Both the boards in Lyme have already approved additional funding and will seek a town vote – TBD**

- 3/27/24 - Public Information session for Lyme – Lyme town Hall Great Room – 6:30pm

**Additional public forums –**

- March 18, 2024 – Senior Center Board of Directors meeting – 1pm – Old Lyme town Hall Mezzanine Room
- March 26, 2024 – Building Buzz meeting with center members – FCCOL – 11:15am
- April 10, 2024 – LSC building committee regular meeting – Old Lyme Town Hall Meeting Room – 5pm

**2. FAQ posting** - FAQ posted to town webpages, social media and links sent via mass email to center members. Comments that it has been received well so far and will be updated regularly.

**VII. Other New Business** – Point One, Newfield and the firemarshal conducted an initial walk through of the kitchen 3/13 in order to view the layout and existing conditions. Extensive discussion

by committee members to address a plan to upgrade the needs to be submitted to the towns by the kitchen manager.

**VIII. Public Comment** – comments and questions made regarding the kitchen, information sought by center board, model of plan, the cupola and information about the vote to take place.

**IX. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Sheiness, seconded by Goulding. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm

Next regular meeting date April 10, 2024 at the Old Lyme Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by Jeri Baker, Building Committee Chair