

Minutes of the Lymes' Senior Center Building Committee Meeting

5:00 PM January 8, 2025 -Old Lyme Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: Jeri Baker, John Kiker, Toni Phillips, Rick Goulding, Martha Shoemaker (ex officio), Russell Learned, Alan Sheiness, David Lahm (ex officio), Bennett Bernblum. **Absent:** Skip Beebe, Stephanie Gould (ex officio)

I. Call to order: Baker called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Attendance taken of members. Dan Hagan joined as member of the public to assist in fundraising

II. Guests: Danielle Couture, Newfield Construction Management, Greg Nucci, Point One Architects

III. Minutes – November 13, 2024 Minutes. Motion to approve by Sheiness, seconded by Learned. Motion carried with one abstention by Bernblum.. Minutes of November 20, 2024. Motion to approve by Learned, seconded by Goulding. Motion carried with one abstention by Bernblum. December 13, 2024 Minutes. Motion to approve by Sheiness, seconded by Learned. Motion carried with one abstention by Bernblum.

IV. Public Comment –Dan Hagan was recognized to joined in fundraising discussion agenda item

V. Old Business –

- **Building Plan update –Monthly Report reviewed.** Current potential timeline is projected for the substantial completion of the original plan by March 3, 2025. Projected completion of the additional kitchen scope of work is March 19, 2025. Committee reviewed monthly report to approve current change orders as presented. Motion to approve current change orders that total \$6,285.76 by Kiker, seconded by Goulding. Motion carried. Sheiness reviewed balances of owners' and construction management contingencies. Discussion was also held about the overall budget.
- **Kitchen plan update** –Projected completion of the kitchen space is March 19, 2025
- **Furniture Procurement Update** –Shoemaker advised that finishes have been reviewed and a final quote from Strategic Spaces is due by January 10, 2025. She will share that with the committee and anticipates placing the furniture order by Monday, January 13, 2025.
- **Fundraising** – Fundraising working group held discussion and requested input from the committee about current plan. After lengthy discussion about the facts that the project is fully funded and the current status of the project as that it is under budget, an alternative plan for raising additional support funds for the center was suggested and will be undertaken by the towns. It was noted that the Friends of the Lymes' Senior Center and the VNA have already pledge donations to support the project.
- **V. Other Old Business** – none

VI. New Business – Baker requested to review the initial idea to sunset the committee and to extend it past March 2025. Discussion held and committee will be extended to April with additional review as needed.

VII. Other New Business – none

IX. Adjournment –Motion to adjourn by Phillips, seconded by Goulding. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm
Next regular meeting February 12, 2025 at the Old Lyme Town Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by Jeri Baker, Building Committee Chair