

The September 21, 2022, meeting of the Community Center Building Committee convened at 4:10 p.m. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Woodbridge Town Hall.

Present for the Committee: Ms. Stein, Ms. Weinstein and Mr. Tucker

Present for Staff: Mr. Genovese

Other: Mr. David Stein and Mr. Matt Gallerani, Architects with Silver Petrucelli & Associates

Minutes

The minutes of the August 30, 2022 meeting, were unanimously approved (Weinstein – Tucker).

Review of Silver Petrucelli Proposal including ARIS Land Studio

David Stein walked the committee through the phases and details of the Silver Petrucelli proposal. Questions were raised about the capacity of the current septic system, the design of a security system and an AV system, as these are not included in the scope of the Silver Petrucelli proposal. It was decided that David Stein would contact Don Smith (involved in the new firehouse project) about a separate review of options for the septic system. The security system and AV design will be accomplished through an integrator or currently used vendor for Town buildings. A separate line item in the project budget will be necessary so funds will be available for these expenditures.

A request was made for placement in the new community center building of a mural created at the Woodbridge Like Me Day on 10/9/22. The committee discussed the potential size of such a mural and the fact that it would be considered as a semi-permanent piece of art in the building. The size that provides the greatest flexibility for placement is 4' high by 8' wide. Bob Tucker will communicate this information back to the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

The ARIS Land Studio proposal was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Bob Tucker, seconded by Andrea Weinstein to approve the full proposal from Silver Petrucelli including oversight of the ARIS Land Studio proposal for a conceptual master plan for outdoor space. The indoor and outdoor space must work together from a design perspective. The vote was unanimous to proceed. Tony will prepare and submit the request for a waiver approval from the State.

Tony confirmed that the total amount available for the building project is \$1.7M. The outdoor space will be funded through ARPA funds and approved through a separate process. Tony also mentioned that there needs to be a parallel timeline for the completion of the Firehouse Storage Facility so that the Community Center is vacant when construction is ready to begin at the end of next summer. For review, the proposed timeline for the Community Center is as follows:

- October 19 – review of schematic design
- November 16 – present schematics to all Town departments
- December 21 – review BOS feedback regarding schematics and projected construction costs
- January 18 – Public presentation for feedback and additional suggestions
- February for final presentation/approval by Board of Selectmen
- Mid-May for release of bid documents
- Construction contract(s) awarded in July
- Construction to begin in August (6-8 months for construction)

The committee wants to visit similar projects completed by Silver Petrucelli and ARIS Land Studio. David agreed to connect us with individuals in Manchester and Milford, as well as provide information about ARIS Land Studio projects in Wallingford and New London.

Review of Initial Schematics

Using the basic plans of the 1st and 2nd floors, the Committee reviewed/discussed with the architects the suggested uses of the indoor & outdoor space document and potential placement of various activities throughout the building. Suggestions included a potential new entrance to the building on the Newton Road side of the building and keeping the original doors in the original bay of the Firehouse. The architects will use this input to develop more detailed schematics for the committee to consider at their next meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 @ 4 pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anthony Genovese