

2023 Jan 18 – Susan Taylor

Community Center Building Committee Report

Committee met Wednesday to discuss timeline and planning progress.

1. Choice of architect: RFQ went out in January. Deadline for bids is February 10. Screening group of about 9 volunteered to rank bids over that weekend. Interviews tentatively scheduled for February 16 and 17. Full committee chooses finalist on Feb 22, town checks references. Recommendation sent to Selects for approval to contract Feb 27.
2. Square foot analysis by Council on Aging and Human Services/Parks and Recreation Department. Abby Butt and Jessica Downing set out preliminary spread sheet of square footage requirements for Essential, Enhanced and Ideal admin and program needs. Framed conversation about trade-offs if space is limited to 50%, 75% or 100% of 2018 design.
 - a. Showed the 2018 overestimated space needs in many instances and cost/sqft
 - b. Understood that square footage doesn't necessarily translate directly to cost.
 - c. Suggestion that Schools, LEAP and Magic Garden conduct similar analysis of space needs (and use of current space.)
 - d. Plans to analyze all public spaces in town able to serve COAHS/PRD programs
3. Inconclusive lengthy discussion of how and whether to present taxpayers with the cost of the total project, including spaces for LPS, LEAP, Magic Garden, and Ballfield Road enhancements (such as repaving, rewiring etc) or only cost of HSCOA/PRD needs. Discussion of whether to phase project – improve pods etc, after 5 years.
4. Report on tour of Winchester and Weston community centers
5. Tim Higgins reported on helpful meeting with LPS administrative leaders
6. CCBC will invite key “stakeholders” – Schools, Water Commission, Conservation, Bd Health (septic) Green Committee, to present concerns at future meetings
7. Communication subcommittee is updating website www.lincolncommunitycenter.com
 - a. Regular info in various media
 - b. Community survey to assess current needs and hopes for the center
8. Private fund raising: report on beginnings of an official private funding organization and legal limits on participation of staff and volunteer officials. Peter von Mertens coordinating.

Next full committee meeting set for Feb 22. Twice a month in March, April and May.