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COA Feasibility Oversight Committee September 16 8:30am Town Manager's Office Minutes

Members Present: George Faircloth, Peter Cunningham, Beverly Smith, Gary Green, Michelle Collette, Mihran Keoseian, John Amaral
Advisors: Kathy Shelp, Mark Haddad,
Guest: Barry Pease

Meeting was opened by Mihran Keoseian 8:30am.
The Chair clarified the meeting order

Minutes for 6/21/16, 7/29/16 and 8/24/16 were presented. Gary Green made a motion to accept the minutes. George Faircloth Second. Unanimously approved.

The Chair asked the committee to consider the following;
Did we: Do our homework—meaning—research—articulate where and how we are going, how we are going to get there—provide first level metrics supporting our planning?
Did we vet architects carefully and with financial soundness?
Did we make public the objectives of the RFP?
Did we inform the FinCom, the BOS, the public at large with open, honest and full disclosure?
Did Reinhart fulfill the objectives of the proposal with expertise and as expected and promised?
Did the oversight committee—consisting of the folks here today meet the criteria of effective committee members: 1. Understanding their purpose—leaving biases at the door and agree to serve to fulfill the mission of the planning committee and the objectives of their charge?
Do the characteristics of our members meet and exceed the threshold of solid, quality committee members, i.e., expertise and commitment?

There was much discussion on the public education of the project and the question of moving forward with the Warrant Article. Committee members weighed in with their concerns; how to finance, how it fits in 5-year plan, the cost of a new building, lack of public awareness and also recognized the immediate need of accessibility of the current building.

John Macmillian, the project architect, will present the building analysis at the Selectman's meeting on Monday, September 19, 6:30pm. The Feasibility committee will meet the following week to make a determination as to whether move forward with the article on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Selectman Pease share he believes one issue is defined as the adversity created by the process, with no meeting to cover report.

Motion was made by George Faircloth and seconded by Michelle Collette to adjourn at 9:45am. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Shelp, Director Council on Aging

Next meeting is to be determined.

