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COA Feasibility Oversight Committee September 23 8:00am Selectman's Office Minutes

Members Present: George Faircloth, Peter Cunningham, Beverly Smith, Michelle Collette, Mihran Keoseian

Advisors present: Kathy Shelp

Meeting was opened by Mihran Keoseian 8:00am.

Minutes presented for approval 9/16/16/16, George Faircloth made a motion for approval of the minutes with a second by Michelle Collette. Unanimously approved.

The Chair reviewed Monday's Selectman's meeting
The committee discussed four options for moving forward:

1. This option would be to move forward with the \$300,000 article at this Town Meeting (maybe add \$20,000). The Town Meeting would be told that the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee would work with the Feasibility Oversight Committee and the former Prescott Committee to fully vetted the Prescott School as a Senior Center Option. Depending on the findings, the Architect would then design and put out to bid the approved option and come back to the Spring Town Meeting with bids in hand for construction funding.
2. This option would ask the Town Meeting to appropriate only \$20,000 to have the Feasibility Oversight Committee work with the Architect and the former Prescott Committee to fully vetted the Prescott School as a potential Senior Center. Working with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, once a determination is made, a Special Town Meeting would be called in January, 2017 to appropriate the design/bid funding to bring bids in hand to the Spring Town Meeting.
3. A variation to Option 2, would be to wait until the Spring Town Meeting and ask the Town Meeting for the full amount needed to design/bid/construct the Senior Center at the preferred location. We would base the amount on the architect's best estimate.
4. The Final option would be to appropriate the \$300,000 to address code/handicapped access issues at the current Senior Center Location. The Building would be improved and the Town can wait until Surrenden Farms is paid off (2021) and use the available debt capacity from the CPA to renovate Prescott School.

Michelle Collette made a motion to reject #4 at this time with a second by George Faircloth, committee unanimously agreed.

After discussion and review of options 1, 2 and 3 Beverly Smith made a motion with a second by Michelle Collette for the following:

Motion:

Seek further funding TBD for the sole purpose of: Getting additional hard cost estimates on Prescott School, specifically for:

- Renovation that meets the requirements of the COA center plans as defined in the Site and Building Analysis and other related documents;
- Secondary road access;
- Emergency shelter adaptability as defined by Groton's Fire and Police Chiefs respectively; and
- ADA universal adaptability

With the understanding that working with the Board of Selectman and Finance Committee, once a determination is made, a Special Town Meeting would be called in January, 2017 to appropriate the design/bid funding to bring bids in hand to the Spring Town Meeting.

Unanimous approval of the motion.

A motion was made by the Chair to establish a sub-committee, with Beverly Smith as the chair, for public outreach with a second by Michelle Collette. Unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Peter Cunningham with a second by George Faircloth to close the meeting at 9:37.

Next meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Shelp, COA Director