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COA Building Committee June 21, 2017 8am Town Hall

Members Present: Michelle Collette, Peter Cunningham, George Faircloth, John Amaral, Mihran Keoseian

Members absent: Annika Nilsson Ripps, Gary Green

Advisors present: Kathy Shelp, Mark Haddad

Guest: Tom Delany

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05am

There was a motion by John Amaral to approve the minutes of 5/3/17, second by George Faircloth. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Peter and Michelle reported on their meeting with the Conservation Commission. They got a sense there would be flexibility to extinguish the restriction on the EMS property. The commission was interested in a quid pro quo for a restriction on the land on the other side of the senior center wetland area of the property. Peter found it was Baird Underwood who placed the deed restriction on the EMS property and suggested Town Council review the deed.

Mihran and Kathy met with Marlina Gilbert, Chair of the School Committee, and the new Superintendent, Dr. Cheesan, concerning relationship building between the school and COA. The new Superintendent presented some programs she had been involved with in the past to connect the two groups. Marlina will be the liaison to the COA and Kathy will work to get a senior to be a liaison to the School Committee. There was some discussion on combining override projects.

Kathy shared the emails she received from residents regarding the failure of ballot questions #2.

Mark reported a possible collaboration with the Groton School summer program on statistics to do some research.

George presented the demographics for election results and found the majority of voters were 50-70 years old, very comparable to the previous election.

The committee reviewed the timeline presented by George.

Action items:

Kathy will make a summary of the work to be done at the senior center with costs attached.

The next meeting will center on Community Outreach. Kathy will invite Marlina Gilbert to the meeting.

Next meeting July 12, 8:30am Town Hall

A motion was made by Mihran and second by Michelle to close the meeting at 10:12am
Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Shelp, COA Director