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COA Building Committee September 14, 2017 7:30am Town Hall

Members Present: Michelle Collette, Peter Cunningham, George Faircloth, Annika Nilsson Ripps, Gary Green

Members absent: John Amaral, Mihran Keoseian

Advisors present: Kathy Shelp, Mark Haddad

The Chair called the meeting to order 7:33am.

Peter reviewed the scoping session held at the senior center on September 6. Approximately 12 people attended with a variety of questions. A take away of the session is to ask all architects that will be interviewed to bring their civil engineer. There was a short discussion on the need for a building to be Lead Certified or Lead equivalent. WE will reach out to GELD for some efficiency guidelines and possible solar panels.

Outreach was reviewed:

- Peter met with Lowell Sun and Peter, John and George met with The Groton Herald.
- Planning Meeting tonight, Kathy, Michelle and Annika will be present.
- The Accessibility Commission voted to support the Warrant Article on 9.11.17.
- The committee will meet with the School Committee on September 20, 7pm.

The committee discussed a Q and A sheet to be distributed prior to town meeting. Questions to be addressed are:

- Brief overview of the process up until now
- Rationale for design money
- What is included in the design phase and why
- Why is there not a debt exclusion; why are we not going to ballot? (Peter)
- The end result – what will be get for it
- Why seek the money at Fall Town meeting VS waiting until Spring? (Gary)
- Renovation vs new build

Kathy will prepare an outline with answers and send to the committee for editing by 9.15.17.

The minutes of the 8.31.17 meeting were presented; George Faircloth made a motion to accept, second by Michelle Collette, 4 in favor, 1 abstain (Green)

A motion was made by George Faircloth and second by Michelle Collette to close the meeting at 8:20am. Unanimous approval.

Next meeting: September 27, 7:30am Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Shelp, COA Director