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Town Meeting Senior Center Review Committee March 16, 2017 8:00am Senior Center

Members Present: John Amaral, Greg Sheldon, Annika Nilsson Ripps, and Gary Green
Others present: Mark Haddad, Kathy Shelp

Meeting was opened by John Amaral at 8:18

Mark reported the Finance Committee supported funding for the work to be done at the GELD site and Farmers Row. This included: Layout design for Geld, Layout design for Lawrence Trust Land and Wetland delineation for GELD.

The committee reviewed the layout designs for GELD and the Lawrence Trust land. After much discussion Mark will talk to McMillian and see if he can relocate the building on the GELD site to be repositioned with current GELD to offer a shared driveway.

Outstanding information needed for GELD:

Storm Water and credits assigned to GELD
Parking

John will reach out to Stan Dillis with questions on the storm water and credits used by GELD with their new building.

The committee reviewed the layout for Farmers Row. John spoke with the Lawrence Trust (2 members) and they voiced their concerns of the confiscated value of the two remaining lots and would therefore only consider selling all three lots. Mark reviewed options for financing:

Debt Exclusion
Partner with the Conservation Commission; Possible Agriculture Preservation
Restriction
Affordable Housing Trust for senior housing consideration

John and Greg will reach out to Takashi for APR information and the Conservation Commission

Outstanding information for Lawrence Trust::

Cost

The committee reviewed the Country Club site. Mark described the operations (programs and services) at the country Club. There was discussion to consider a larger proposal to the community which would include a tear down of current building with a larger build to include a youth community center wing, possibly a phased-in build. The committee discussed and felt the scope of that project was not in their charge. Annika was asked to write a narrative with the results of the Country Club study.

Outstanding information for Country Club:

None, Annika will compose narrative

The committee reviewed the current site. There was discussion of feedback the committee is hearing from the community which center around why the initiative began and why we need to address the current building. Kathy will write a narrative that will include the process, how it began, space challenges and deficiencies. The committee reviewed placement of second egress and the availability of the front property owned by the Groton EMS.

Outstanding information for current site:

None, Kathy will compose need/process narrative.

The committee reviewed Prescott School. There was discussion on parking availability; maps were reviewed to locate additional parking. Properties were identified that could be researched for purchase and parking however the committee agreed the proximity and walking terrain would not make it viable for use of a senior center at the Prescott site. The committee discussed the need for more municipal parking however felt it was not with the charge of this committee to address those needs unless it pertained to possible siting of the senior center on this site.

Outstanding information for Prescott School:

None

A motion was made by Gary Green and second by John Amaral to close the meeting at 11:55am.

Next meeting TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Shelp, COA Director