

Community Center/Library Committee
Meeting Minutes from Monday, February 27, 2023

Mike called the meeting to order at 05:32 p.m.

Members present were: Mike, Rich, Paul, and Audrey. John attended virtually.

Minutes from the February 13th meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Mike and John presented their feedback from the new budget numbers. They were considerably higher than expected. A long discussion ensued and it was decided that every committee member would go over them in detail and should submit any questions or comments by Friday. John and Mike will attempt to have a meeting with Bryant of CCI on Monday (Bryant is on vacation this week) to go over the numbers before our next meeting, March 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Rich reported that exploration of the CDFA Program (Community Center Investment), which is administered through the State, is moving along. Their next meeting will be March 23rd. Rich thinks this next meeting will establish how to apply for the funds. We will be eligible even if we were to vote the new building at Town Meeting and the State Funds are not awarded until after that date because they are looking for projects that would be completed before the end of 2024.

The committee determined that the Community Project Funds available through Chris Pappas's office are not meant for us. It is believed that it is the same fund Rich is pursuing and Pappas is from District 1, while Hebron is in District 2.

A determination was made to ask Karen to set the Public Bond Hearing Meeting for Tues, March 21st. Time and location to be announced.

The Town has engaged its attorneys to oversee the legal steps necessary to bring the Project (including the bond) to the Town at Town Meeting on May 11th.

Bryant, Mike, and John were notified that an individual called the Town Office for information regarding bidding, instead of contacting CCI's office. Mike and John will speak to Bryant to ask him to respond to the individual.

All discussion of philanthropy was tabled for this meeting; Roger was not in attendance.

Mike and John stressed the how important it is that Committee members come to next Monday's meeting fully briefed on the numbers and prepared to make important decisions.

Another additional meeting has been scheduled for Mon., March 13th at 5:30, at the Town Office.

A motion was made and unanimously voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Johnson