



**FACILITIES AND SPACE NEEDS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES*
MONDAY MARCH 2, 2023
HYBRID MEETING**

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

- a) Meeting called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chairperson Mary Anne Rush
- b) Roll Call

Present:

Susan Alexandre, Boriana Dolliver, Larry Carlson (joined by phone – could not be heard for a portion of the meeting), Tony DiLuzio, Sheldon Drucker (joined 7 minutes late), Jeff Franson, Ian Kaiser (joined 4 minutes late), and Mary Anne Rush.

Meeting began with 5 participating members (a quorum) and ended with 8.

Absent:

Michele Tourangeau

Town of Ogunquit Invited Panelists Present

Heath Ouellette, Select Board Member and Committee Liaison
Neal Pawlik, Ogunquit Deputy Chief of Police

2. Review and Approval of the February 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Tony and seconded by Boriana: Approved 5-0

3. Old Business and Follow-Up Items:

- a. Disseminating F&SN information to residents- discussion moved to later in the meeting after 4b.
 - i. **MAR** – believes our cutoff date to be able to promote/discuss is something like May 13th so as not to be seen as being political. We had talked about using social media, hosting an information session and probably a mailing.
 - ii. **SD** – post information at the Post Office; place a sign board at the cornerstone downtown.

- iii. **MAR** – Subcommittee to work on the mailing. MAR, BD and SD will comprise that subcommittee.
- iv. **MAR** – possibly speak at the library, senior center. Wants to get prepared as best we can as it seems as though we will have less than 2 months.

4. New Business

a. Review Survey Results (All)

- i. **MAR** - commented that the results were pretty clear and decisive what the residents want. Asked for comments.
- ii. **JF** – looked to him that the results across the population were about the same. Appears that there was consensus. Thinks we did pretty well with the number of responses, and it was a success.
- iii. **MAR** – put together a synopsis for the town newsletter. Throughout the survey, there were only a couple of percentage points difference between voters and all respondents. Over 80% of both wanted a plan 25-30 years out. Greater than 60% of both thought the playground and basketball court were extremely important. Over 78% were in favor of option 4... the 2 1/2 story building next to the Dunaway Center and returning the Dunaway Center to its original purpose as a community center.
- iv. **JF** – added that asking what funding levels should be allocated was very helpful for everyone.
- v. **MAR** – clarified some of the numbers. \$12-\$15m: All = 47%; Voters = 54%; \$9-\$12mm: All = 26%; Voters = 19%. Looking at together: over 70% of respondents were in favor of a project between \$9mm and \$12mm (correction made post meeting: \$9mm and \$15mm)
- vi. **BD** – was not sure what the answers would be on that question but that is pretty clear.
- vii. **JF** – with Mandy's help, able to show what the cost will be to the residents.
- viii. **IK** – excellent survey, really good data. People he has spoken to say we have to do this and let's just do the whole thing.
- ix. **JF** – it was helpful for us to understand how residents get their information. It is clear we have to do more mailings. Surprising how many folks watch the Select Board meetings.
- x. **MAR** – about 70% of our voters get their information from what is in the mail. 53% from word of mouth, 10% from campaign signs.
- xi. **SD** – well worth doing, very informative. Agrees that mailing is the best way but also posting and more talk at the post office.

b. Recommendation to Town Manager (All)

MAR – asked for recommendations.

- i. SD – should recommend a warrant article for June for full cost of construction for the whole office plan with an option of phasing the plan. Clarified that it is option 4 he was referencing.
- ii. JF – leaning towards resurrecting the next phase with full environmental analysis of OVS and remediation.
- iii. **MAR** – disagreed as she felt that we have momentum with over 70% of respondents in favor of \$9mm or greater.
- iv. There was some discussion on this point.
- v. **SA** – are we going with option 4?
- vi. **MAR** – based upon feedback in October and survey – yes.
- vii. **IK** – some decisions are on city manager and our task is to give a recommendation. Feels we should do the whole “banana”. We are still going to be having many, many more discussions. Dependent upon Select Board
- viii. **SD** – in favor or recommending option 4 with TM and SB voting out the details of funding and possible phasing.
- ix. **TD** – what is timing of recommendation?
- x. **MAR** – asked Heath for clarification.
- xi. **HO** - Town Manager is looking for a recommendation today so that he can get it to the Select Board, and they move it along to the Budget Review Committee. He is looking for our recommendation on an option.... does not need a number from us. The SB and BRC will be the ones who really dive into the financing.
- xii. **TD** – the process is going to have its milestones of environmental testing, demolition plans.... feasibility of what we can save from OVS. This all comes to the committee and the community during the design and engineering process.
- xiii. A great deal of discussion ensued with talk of various motions, how detailed we must get or just very simple. In the end, BD made the following motion:

Motion by Borianna: We recommend Option 4 to the Town Manager and the Select Board; Seconded by Sheldon. Approved: 8-0

5. Public Comments*

Wes Elliott

Supports #4. Feels number should be made in 2 phases. One to tear down OIVS and build the new building and then work on the Dunaway. Also, another committee is discussing doing work at Agamenticus Park. If that will have a basketball court, would you consider not having a basketball court and have more open space?

In response, there were comments from a couple of Committee members:

SD - expressed his opinion that he thinks the basketball court is an essential part of the proposal as it is heavily used.

JF – added that we should not put the cart before the horse. There will be a lot more public meetings, feedback and open forums as we go through the design.

6. Other Business

- a. **MAR** - On April 22, 2023, from 10-1, the Conservation Commission is hosting an Earth Day event to pick up trash from the beach, plant some new dune grass, and enjoy a lovely day on Ogunquit beach.

7. Next Regular Meeting – Monday March 13, 2023 @ 9 a.m.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Sheldon and seconded by Susan – Approved 8-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Carlson, Secretary, FSN Committee

****Please note that every effort is made to capture the essence of the meeting in these Minutes; however, they are not an exact replication of all items discussed or comments made. If you would like an actual replay of the meeting, please click on the link below which should allow you to watch the entire March 2, 2023, meeting on Town Hall Streams (Duration:0h 59m)***

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