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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room, Town Hall
May 1, 2019**

Board of Selectmen present: Jamie Toale, Chairman; Damon McQuaid, Vice Chairman; Phyllis Luck, Clerk; Katey Adams, Member

Also present: Heather Lemieux, Town Manager; Muir Haman, Library Director; Sue Doherty, COA Director; Michelle Belleza, Executive Director of the Lunenburg Boys & Girls Club

Council on Aging Members: Diane Nowd, Sarah Grant, Cheryl Moison, Jane Rabbitt, Barbara Brown

Mr. Toale opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Toale stated the reason this meeting was scheduled was to get feedback from the abutters to the TC Passios Building regarding the proposed move there for use as a centralized Town Hall.

Sue Doherty believed Town should be one level and a community-accessible building. She added the parking situation on Memorial Drive should be looked at as well.

If the Town Hall/Ritter Building offices are moved to TCP, community spaces should be included as they are already outgrowing the Eagle House Senior/Community Center. Suggested uses could be a new food bank location, a place to play pickleball, and cafeteria uses with refrigeration options. She noted the limited parking at Town Hall and steep stairs to get to the second floor. There are space issues at the Senior Center for a popular Zumba class, so use of the gym would be good.

Diane Nowd liked the idea of having everything in one building. Ms. Doherty added there are requests to hold blood drives in Eagle House and she can't keep cancelling other activities to hold them.

Ms. Grant said parking is easier at TCP and asked what would happen to this building. Ms. Adams expressed concerns about security and overcrowding at the Primary School; citing a need for more classrooms. She advocated keeping parcels of land that are more useable like the old Primary School rather than having a piece meal approach to moving town hall offices.

Mr. Toale stated this building (Town Hall) could be used as a cultural center. He already sees the town center moving towards the area of the public library, the teen center, and middle/high school. There is a proposal to place a skate park off Memorial Drive too. A traffic flow/parking plan would have to be incorporated as well. He added the School Department is not interested in the TCP. Ms. Belleza stated the Teen Center is outgrowing their building space with up to 80 teens being there at times; the kitchen is small and the TCP would be valuable for their needs and would make a difference in what activities they would plan. She did express concerns about sharing space with people who come and go but it definitely is something that needs to be explored.

Jane Rabbitt stated there has to be other towns that deal with children being close to public buildings. She was in favor of one building with all town offices together.

Ms. Lemieux noted there were three conceptual designs and one had limited access doors and different entryways for specific purposes.

Muir Haman stated at the library when children and the general public are together, the parents are responsible for their children. This is a high traffic space and we are limited in staff supervision. Traffic and parking with the TCP nearby is one issue for the library. You would have to approach the whole space with a unified plan for so many different functions and populations.

Mr. Toale stated he looks at adding space as a necessary added expense for the school, teen center and senior center needs. Ms. Belleza asked if it was feasible with the TCP to have secure door that people could be buzzed in.

Mr. Toale stated the next step is to have an engineered plan that outlines the cost. From an architect's view it could be designed for security purposes.

Barbara Brown's concern is the traffic flow near the TCP. Can land in the back be used for parking? Mr. Toale stated this parcel is 8.6 acres and more parking spaces depending on where you enter the building, could be planned.

Ms. Doherty stated visibility is important, it would be a lot easier and make a nice campus. Ms. Grant stated we all have to work together in order to move forward. Ms. Brown thinks the concept is wonderful as long as you keep parking spaces in mind.

Mr. Haman stated we all have needs but thinking in the long-term, the cost benefits for the future might cost less with an opportunity to unify and serve the community in the best way.

Mr. Toale thanked everyone for coming and the abutters exited the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Lemieux reported there have been two requests to hunt turkeys with guns in the Woodruff Conservation area during spring turkey hunting season. After discussion, **Ms. Adams motioned to not allow requests to hunt and Ms. Luck seconded the motion.**

Discussion: Mr. Toale stated conservation lands are for everything and he was okay with bow hunting versus with guns. **Vote: 2 in favor (Luck, Adams), 2 against (Toale, McQuaid)**

Ms. Lemieux noted bow hunting is allowed on conservation lands but the Woodruff area, where the request was for, is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen

Motion: D. McQuaid

2nd: J. Toale

To grant permission to hunt with bow from sunrise to 9:00 a.m.

Vote: 2 in favor (Toale, McQuaid) 2 against (Luck, Adams)

Further discussion ensued about hunting on public land.

Motion: K. Adams

2nd: P. Luck

To not allow bow hunting until a policy is drafted

Ms. Adams withdrew the motion and Ms. Luck withdrew her second.

The Board took no action and permission was not granted. Ms. Lemieux directed the Board to Attorney Costa's opinion on the hunting issue. Policies regarding land uses will be discussed in a future policy workshop in the summer.

The Board signed an accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$622,586.12; a payroll warrant in the amount of \$742,200.77 and a payroll deductions warrant in the amount of \$577,241.63.

Mr. Toale requested Town Manager evaluations be turned in to him.

Motion: D. McQuaid

2nd: P. Luck

To adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Vote: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



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