

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

MEETING HELD OUTSIDE AT TOWN HALL GAZEBO

Attendees: Scott Person, Ed Sarisley

Guests: Mike Palazzi, Cathy Palazzi

Excused: Dianne Choquette

Absent: Don Denley, Karen Hunter, Irv Stanley, Jeff Murray

Chairman Ed Sarisley called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Speak: Cathy Palazzi told the committee that she had brought Supv. Valerie Bruneau to the proposed community garden site behind the proposed building on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to show her exactly where the garden would be and that it was safely away from school and children. Valerie agreed and stated she was impressed with the plans so far. Furthermore; she has offered a camera to be donated and hung on the end of the school building overlooking the garden and proposed community building. This should help if anyone tries to vandalize the garden. Cathy and Mike both stated they are prepared to purchase one-two plots for the AES children to work as part of their studies on community sharing. Valerie is very much in favor of this idea.

Ed asked Cathy and Mike Palazzi if they would like to join the Community Building committee and they both answered “yes”. Ed will look into how he goes about adding two more members.

Old Business: John Valenti had met with Ed Sarisley last month and explained where the proposed garden could go and that there was space of 56’ length by 10’ width to start project and if needed; an additional 10-20’ could be added. Discussion was held with John regarding the appropriate separation distance to the septic systems.

Next steps will be to put the RFP together. Ed met with Eric on two occasions to discuss Engineering matters. Eric will have the RFP formulated by the Town Engineer on the proposed community/senior center building. Eric said Ed and committee could review the draft RFP when it is ready. Ed explained to those

present there would not be a lot to do for the committee until the RFP is ready, an engineer is selected and a preliminary site plan is prepared for our review. A public presentation of the entire concept can then be prepared. Ed suggested perhaps by fall the committee will be able to meet with the selected Engineer and possibly an architect to go over conceptual plans for the architectural program. Ed feels progress is being made. He said we will not set a meeting again until there is material to review from the administration.

Community Garden: Ed said he met with Abbie Winter. She is the liaison from the Farmers Market to the Sustainable CT committee. They discussed the various options for both short term and long term garden construction including using the new building for water supply and basement storage. Ed told Abbie should she need any technical help to begin this project to contact him and he would be available. Scott mentioned the outline of the garden and proposed they use logs for the perimeter. In fact, he has extra logs and they may be useful for this project. Cathy stated as a reminder that the garden will not be fully functionable until 2022 planting season. She stated that the Sustainable CT committee will be holding a meeting at Town Hall sometime in July to explain to the community how this garden will function, as well as, explain to the people the advantage of having a Sustainable CT in town. Cathy told Ed other committee members would be involved as well at this meeting.

No Public Speak:

Adjourned: Scott Person made a motion to adjourn and Ed Sarisley seconded at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in Dianne's absence:

*Cathy Palazzi*