

Town of Andover

Community Center/ Sr Center Building Committee Minutes June 10, 2021 Town Gazebo

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Members present: Ed Sarisley, Diane Choquette, Irv Stanley, Jeff Murray, Don Denly

Public: Mike Palazzi

2. Public Participation

Appreciated the work the committee is doing with the community garden planning.

3. Old Business

- Ed provided an overview of how the preliminary draft building drawings were developed.

4. New Business

- Ed Sarisley met with the town engineer on Thursday morning and measured the site elevations to determine the possibility of providing basement storage for the proposed community center.
- Based on the preliminary measurements, the 1st floor of the proposed building will be at the same level as the current community room at the town hall. This will allow for sufficient height to have basement storage with external access at the northwest corner of the new building. The plan is to have the basement used for storage (due to min ceiling height) associated with the site grade.
- The town engineer is now reviewing the proposed RFP for the site survey and site engineering work. Once reviewed to ensure everything we need is set out in the RFP, it will then be sent out by the town administrator for bids. It is anticipated that the RFP will be out for bid early July, with a target completion of the site survey and engineering by the end of August.
- The committee discussed that the ideal timeframe for development of this project is to have architectural firm hired by early fall, with initial drawings and cost estimates by late fall, allowing for a public presentation of the building project by the architect. With construction anticipated to start late spring 2022.
- The committee also discussed that it would be desirable to tour other local senior centers to gather feedback/information.
This will allow us to learn from other town's experiences when they constructed their building.
- The committee discussed that we would like to create some kind of "community and senior services center" status document to be published on the town website with the goal of having easy access for the public to get information on the current status of the project.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm