

Ludlow Senior Center Building Committee
Minutes – May 4, 2017

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Meeting called to order at 5:36pm by Richard Moskal followed by roll call.

- I. **Roll call present:** Bill Rooney, Richard Moskal, Steve Santos, Jodi Zepke, Michael Szlosek, Fred Lafayette and Matt Goncalves.
- II. **Vote on past minutes:** Tables until next meeting.
- III. **Review May Town Meeting Material:** Mr. Moskal asked Mr. Rooney about the process at Town Meeting. Mr. Rooney explained that the moderator will read the article and someone will have to second it. There was a discussion as to who is submitting the article. Jodi Zepke to ask Ellie Villano for clarification. There was further talk about the process of Town Meeting.
- IV. **Finalize new Center size:** Mr. Moskal reported that he met with Justin Larivee, the Town Building Inspector. Mr. Larivee reported that current building costs are about \$235 a square foot. Mr. Goncalves reported that figure is not correct. It does not take into account for fair wage agreements. There was a discussion about building costs. Mr. Santos reported that you can not predict or project how much something will cost to build in the next few years. Mr. Moskal reported that he would like to check with Chicopee on their costs. Jodi Zepke gave Mr. Moskal a copy of all building related information from the Westfield Senior Center. There was further discussion on costs and square footage. Mr. Lafayette spoke about asking for 10 million and way. There was a quarion as to how much the Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center will raise and how that money will be used. Jodi reported that she will ask other Centers but the Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center have pledged 1 million dollars for the project. After further discussion \$9.8 million was a figure that all were comfortable with and felt that if the project needed more funds, we could ask for more funds. Richard Moskal made a motion to go forward with the figure of \$9.8 million dollars to build a new Ludlow Senior Center. Mr. Lafayette seconded; all in favor. Motion carried.
- V. **Next steps toward October Town Meeting:** There was discussion about the time line to this point. Also Jodi Zepke reported that we would not actually be going to October Town Meeting but rather asking for a special Town Meeting in January. A vote at Town Meeting has to happen within 90 days of the Town election in order for a question to be placed on the ballot. Ms. Zepke reported that she is getting clarification on this process so that there is not a mistake. The ultimate goal is a ballot question in March of 2018.

- VI. Old/new business:** Ms. Zepke gave an update on the Grass Roots committee and their purpose. She also explained some of their marketing plan to get the “buzz” going about a new Center. Mr. Lafayette asked about the Board of Selectmen and their feeling toward a new Center. Mr. Rooney reported that he thinks that others are positive about the project. Ms. Zepke reported that she is going to have the committee placed on the next agenda of the BOS so that we can update the Board. Mr. Santos had no updates from the DPW. Mr. Moskal reported that he updated the Finance Committee and was well received and positive outcome.

**Motion made by Mr. Rooney to adjourn at 6:45pm; seconded by Mr. Szlosek.
All in favor – motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Jodi Zepke
Secretary**