

Ludlow Senior Center Building Committee
Minutes – June 28, 2017

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Meeting called to order at 5:26pm by Richard Moskal followed by roll call.

- I. Roll call present:** Richard Moskal, Steve Santos, Jodi Zepke, Fred Lafayette, Bill Rooney and Matt Goncalves. Excused: Michael Szlosek

II. Reorganization: Mr. Rooney immediately questioned a reorganization. Mr. Moskal reported that he is resigning as Chairman as he feels that he is not the right person for the job. He feels that Mr. Lafayette is better suited for the job. Mr. Goncalves reported he likes Mr. Moskal as Chair. Mr. Lafayette agreed to be Chair and Mr. Rooney requested Ms. Zepke as Vice Chair. Mr. Lafayette asked Mr. Moskal to be Vice Chair and he agreed. He just doesn't want to be Chair. Mr. Lafayette reported that Ms. Zepke is carrying a big load therefore Mr. Moskal would be a better fit. After much discussion, it was agreed on the following: Chairman – Fred Lafayette; Vice Chairman - Richard Moskal and Secretary – Jodi Zepke. Ms. Zepke made a motion to accept the reorganization effective immediately; seconded by Mr. Rooney. All in favor – motion carries.

III. Board of Selectmen Meeting June 20th: Mr. Lafayette thanked Mr. Rooney for his support at the meeting. Mr. Lafayette reported that the presentation went well. He reported on some of the concerns that were raised during the meeting ie. the land and including other departments. Mr. Mannix suggested including other departments in the new Senior Center. Mr. Santos reported it is not our concern what the Board of Health or Veteran's agent need. We are the Senior Center Building Committee not the RN committee. Mr. Rooney agreed and reported that is not up to our group. Mr. Lafayette that this is one project and not universal and stated "the soul purpose is to make provision for a senior center for seniors". Mr. Lafayette brought up eminent domain for securing the property. Ms. Zepke reported that is not the way to go. A discussion ensued and Mr. Layette reported it is just one way to go.

IV. Old/new business: Ms. Zepke discussed the Grassroots group and what they are working on. Mr. Lafayette asked about other Town Committees. Ms. Zepke reported that she is working on a presentation.

- a. Road blocks:** Mr. Lafayette asked each member what they feel is the biggest road block for the new Senior Center project. Mr. Goncalves reported getting the funds is the biggest issue and support from the Town. Mr. Rooney reported the tax rate. There are other potential projects and there will be trepidation from Town folks. We don't need a unanimous vote but bottom line, people are concerned about their pocketbooks. Mr. Santos reported that he does not see any road blocks, only the ones that we create. Mr. Moskal reported that he sees contention in Town being created. There is the Center St project, the school project and the senior center. Everyone has a different goal and agenda. Mr. Santos reported that they

are spending our money and people will know where the money is going as they will see the new development. Mr. Santos reported that to do things it costs money; "you tell me what you want".

Motion made by Mr. Rooney to adjourn at 6:13pm; seconded by Mr. Goncalves. All in favor – motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,



**Jodi Zepke
Secretary**