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Town of Newbury Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2021

Attendees: Evelyn Noyes, Joyce Machiros, Cindy Currier, Jeanine Cunningham, Bill DiMaio, Geri Dorr and Lisa Mead Town Attorney

I. The meeting was called to order By Chair Joyce Machiros at 1:04pm. The Chair announced there would not be any comments from the audience allowed. The agenda is to reconsider the vote taken on June 21, 2021 in regard to the combined Town Hall and COA at 25 High Rd as depicted by the 2 renderings of May 26, 2021 plans submitted by Context Architecture. This vote would move the proposal forward to the Select Board.

II. A motion to reconsider the vote of June 21, 2021 to move forward the proposal to the Select Board was passed.

III. The amendment was read from the June 21, 2021 meeting as submitted by Evelyn Noyes. I believe the motion to combine the Town Hall and the COA needs more discussion, I move the question be postponed and be referred to a committee comprised of the Expansion Committee, a member of the Select Board and volunteers from the community look at all aspects and be more informed to present a valid discussion to the voters.

IV. A motion to reconsider Evelyn's amendment was made. It passed

Evelyn asked why this wasn't a good thing to do in the town's best interest.

Geri questioned why we needed to do a revote.

Bill referred to the Space Needs Report and that we had a narrow focus.

Jeanine stated that the space doesn't really meet the needs for example real outdoor space as requested by the Director.

The meeting was interrupted by fire alarms.

The Chair asked the present Select Board Members if they would like to speak.

Alicia Greco responded that the Select Board would refer to the Space Need Assessment and then the Board could decide on the location. Mike Doyle spoke about the neighborhood concerns. Geoff Walker spoke to looking into the location by the Select Board. There maybe be a better location but we don't know that yet.

Evelyn then asked the Select Board members jointly if the Select Board was willing to commit to forming a committee to explore other options for the Council on Aging location. Before any Select Board member could answer, Town Counsel Lisa Mead interjected and instructed the Board members to not respond to Vice Chair Evelyn Noyes' question because there was a quorum of the Select Board present and, as such, doing so would violate the Open Meeting Law. As instructed, none of the Select Board members responded to Evelyn's question.

V. A motion to revote on Evelyn's motion was made. It failed

VI. A motion was made to move the proposal to the Select Board. It passed.

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Geri Dorr requested a discussion concerning why two women members were not reappointed to the Council on Aging. Town Counsel advised against said discussion since it was not on the Agenda.

VII. A motion to adjourn the meeting passed.