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Public Building Committee
Senior Center/Eno Memorial Subcommittee
November 10, 2011

Chairman Ostop called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of Simsbury Town Hall. He opened the meeting by stating that the Public Building Committee is interested in getting input from the Subcommittee and invited all to participate.
Present: Ostop, Sawitzke, Kelly, Patrina, Loewy, Marschall, Zaylor, Handville

1. Comments on the Architect's Eno Hall Presentation

Mr. Zaylor stated that, recognizing that Eno is a fine historic and centrally located building, he gave a presentation to show that the proposed parking for the Eno site is problematic. He feels that parking is critical to the project and there was general consensus of agreement. The number of parking spaces recommended by those present was a minimum of 200 spaces. Chairman Ostop stated that 22,000 feet has been allocated for Senior Center use in the architect's study. There was Q and A. Mr. Zaylor asked if there is a good cost comparison for the use of Eno and inquired re the mechanical room and the status of the windows in the building with the new proposal.

2. Discuss looking at possible other sites

Mr. Zaylor concluded his presentation by suggesting possible sites for consideration are the Apple Barn, Stratton Brook/Bushy Hill site and the old South School.

The discussion then opened for input re potential sites to be considered. Sites mentioned and some of the factors apropos to the sites noted by Mr. Sawitzke were:

Apple Barn – no utilities, limited parking

Bushy Hill/Stratton Brook – has all utilities but at some expense to get on site

Behind the stage on Iron Horse Boulevard

The old railroad yard on Iron Horse Boulevard if the state would release it

South School – the building is not as good as Eno but there is a lot of land and has all utilities

McLean property – a potential for sharing activities of pool, exercise room, cafeteria and upstairs

meeting rooms

Corner of Iron Horse Boulevard and Drake Hill Road

Historic Society area – but would not have more parking than Eno

Library site – has considerable land but at a cost and with complications

Wagner property

Mr. Loewy, representing the Housing Authority (and former member of the Aging and Disabilities Commission), spoke to the issue of accessibility which the Authority feels is not good at Eno. The Authority supports a one floor facility, a new site which would then eliminate the historic factor and pricing would be the same.

4. Possible tours of other Senior Centers

A communication from Mike Long, a new member appointed by First Selectman Glassman, was read as he had a conflicting meeting and would be unable to attend this meeting. His letter recognizes the initial work by done by Quisenberry Arcari. Mr. Long said he looks forward to the development of a plan, for comparison purposes, for a stand alone Senior Center. He suggested looking at the Senior Center in Lebanon, and “to perhaps appoint a small subcommittee to work concurrently with the program people to identify potential sites, preferably already town owned or available at no cost, with

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utilities readily accessible. Construction can be wood framed and need not be elaborate. Finally more accurate cost estimates for this type of a facility could then be developed for comparison purposes with the detailed work already done with regard to the Eno Hall expansion.”

Chairman Ostop expressed concern with the cost figures that have been presented. In response to a question Mr. Sawitzke said there are sufficient funds to look at other facilities. Chairman Ostop stated that he would like to move the program along expediently but with deliberate time taken as needed.

There was consensus to try to schedule a tour for Monday, Dec. 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a snow date of Dec. 6th. The Town will plan for transportation. The Senior Centers to be scheduled will be Agawam, Glastonbury, Enfield and Lebanon.

The next subcommittee meeting will be planned for Monday, December 19, 2011

at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room in Simsbury Town Hall.

3. Possible Senior Center Survey

There was general discussion re the pros and cons of doing a survey. There was a majority consensus not to do a survey but rather to do some "up front work", look at some potential sites and then go to an open public meeting.

There was discussion re SCTV space requirements and if the Senior Center were to move out there would be increased footage for expansion.

At the conclusion of the meeting there was general consensus that Eno Memorial Hall is not the preferred site for the Senior Center. Suggestions were made that perhaps Eno could be used as an arts center, expansion of SCTV and[Marker] the DAR and rooms used for meetings that are currently held at the Town Hall. The meeting concluded at 4:45 P.M.

Yvonne Hill, PBC clerk