

## Meeting Minutes

### TVFRC Building Committee Meeting – Special Meeting

Tuesday February 22, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Long Hill Room

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Baldwin at 7:00 pm.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Attendance

##### **Present:**

Ray Baldwin  
Dan Sacco  
MaryBeth Thornton  
Preston Merritt  
Steve Lemoine  
Bruce Silverstone  
Alissa Hall

##### **Absent:**

Michael Lombardo

#### Also Present:

George Wiles, Architect at Wiles Architects  
Kevin Bova, Town of Trumbull Purchasing Agent  
Dan Martin, Assistant Finance Director, Town of Trumbull  
Graham Bissett, Head of Trumbull VFW  
Ernie Foito  
Frank Kinecki  
Robert Mraz

Public Comment – None.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2023

Moved by Ms. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Merritt to approve the January 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes. **Vote: 7-0-0**

#### Financial Report - Dan Martin

Mr. Martin went over the financial report. There is approximately \$2,800 available in Town Bond, and the Steep Grant has about \$75,000 left. There is \$2,920 in the donation bank account.

#### Update on septic system design and meeting with the Trumbull Health Department —George Wiles

Mr. Wiles gave the background on septic system history. In 2023, looked at 4<sup>th</sup> location for septic system and got second opinion. Public Works Dept. provided back hoe – very cooperative. Civil engineers found a good soil spot which proved to be ok. Health Dept. observed and performed perk test. Health Department is on board with this location.

This system will be more economical to operate and install. M&J Engineering came up with a low profile system that works well with soil we have on site.

If Committee approves, we will engage an engineer to finish the job. This is key before going back to the Wetlands Committee.

Happy to report we have system that will work. Now need funds to execute it.

Moved by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Merritt to expand the scope of Wiles Architects' contract to include the performance of a second septic system design. The proposed expenditure shall not exceed \$7,500.00 without further committee approval and shall come from Steep grant in the TVFRC account. **Vote: 7-0-0**

Mr. Baldwin introduced new committee member, Ms. Alissa Hall, who is taking Ms. Cantafio's place on the committee.

### **Discussion of an "add alternate plan" for the construction of a TVFRC led by George Wiles**

A discussion took place at the last meeting of where we are with money. What can we get for \$2.25M? Mr. Wiles suggested to build an operational core building and then look at stuff we can add later on.

Mr. Wiles reviewed the Add Alt. cost document with the committee. We are very close to getting project cost to about \$2.2 million.

Mr. Baldwin suggested having some time to look at this report and digest it. We still have to get approval from Inlands/Wetlands, and that is expected to take about 3 months. We should have pretty good idea by May/June if this will be on governor's bonding committee. A discussion took place on this topic.

Mr. Baldwin asked committee members to look at the add alts and come up with list prioritizing the items.

Mr. Baldwin also wrote up a resolution to present to Town Council that he will send to committee members.

Mr. Baldwin would like to have someone come to the next meeting to talk about project labor agreement.

**Update on newly proposed \$1.3 million State bond request- Rina Bakalar**

Ms. Bakalar was not present. There was nothing to report.

**Other Business:** None

Mr. Baldwin suggested meeting in about 3 weeks to discuss the add alt. list.

A subcommittee should be formed to formulate a list of corporate sponsors and timing. Some fundraising ideas were discussed. Should strive to make pitch before June as that's when budgets are set for following year.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Sacco to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

**Vote: 7-0-0**

Submitted by

Marisa Petriello