

# **Sterling Senior Center Design & Building Committee**

Butterick Municipal Building - COA Room

March 24, 2014 - 6:30 PM

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Maureen Cranson Richard Maki, Peter Watson, Weymouth Whitney. Kevin Beaupre, Robert Bloom, Karen Phillips. **Absent:** Jack Chandler, Ronald Cote, Judy Reynolds.

**Opening of Meeting:** Co-Chairman Cranson opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of March 13, 2014 were approved as written. Motion in favor made by Mr. Whitney and second by Mr. Watson. VOTE: YEA = 4, NAY = 0, ABS = 0.

**Committee Assignments:** Via email, Mr. Cote provided the Committee with a cost estimate for an emergency generator for \$31,500. Mr. Beaupre checked with an electrical contractor who suggested that the cost would be approximately \$35,000 depending on the distance to the building.

**Review ATM Presentation:** Mr. Maki prepared the draft presentation and the Committee reviewed each frame and suggested some adjustments. Maki will hold off on the final draft until after all of the scheduled meetings with FinCom and the BOS are completed.

**Updates:** The Committee discussed the newly proposed 2.5% debt exclusion process which includes a 2/3rds vote in favor at the ATM and a majority vote by ballot at the polls on the following week. Members commented that this process was never discussed in the past two-plus years as a funding mechanism. Previously only the bonding method was presented by FinCom to the Committee or the voters at the ATM. Many members did not understand why a new process was being introduced immediately before the conclusion of Warrant preparations and without a formal meeting with the Building Committee.

**Next Steps:** Scheduled meeting with FinCom on 3-25-14 from 6:00-6:20 pm. On Wednesday Committee members will meet with the Selectmen to discuss the project. On Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> March, the Committee, FinCom and Selectmen will meet together. All members are not required to be present at these meetings, but they will be posted in the event a quorum is present.

Community Forum dates are scheduled for April 17 and April 21 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the COA Room. Presenters will be Mr. Chandler, Ms. Cranson and COA Chairperson Barbara Foster. The next regular Committee meeting is on April 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the COA Room.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Whitney and seconded by Mr. Watson at 8:01 PM. VOTE: YEA = 4, NAY = 0, ABS = 0.

Respectfully submitted by

**Richard H. Maki**

Richard H. Maki, Clerk

