

**Municipal Building Committee
Long Sands Bathhouse
Public Participation Meeting – York Senior Center
Minutes for June 30, 2016**

Present: Michael Sullivan, Dean Lessard, Dylan Smith, Steve Bradstreet, Ben Walters, Bob Metcalf, Jim Bartlett, Jim Smith, Erin O'Dea, approximately 27 citizens

Absent: Joseph Lipton, Stu Dawson, Tim Ward, Heidi Hayes, Nelson Giordano

Mike reiterated that the budget is \$687,000.00 to replace the existing bathhouse at Long Sands Beach and that the building will increase in size. He reminded attendees of the vote to approve the project and the added benefits that will be provided with the new structure.

Jim Bartlett read a letter addressed to the Town of York as well as to the Bathhouse Building Committee & others from some of the residents of Long Sands Avenue that outlined their concerns regarding the Bathhouse Project.

Steve Bradstreet of Ransom provided a slide show of the proposed new bathhouse and the surrounding area that included: road realignment, landscape, an architectural plan, sidewalks, retaining wall, vegetation, drop off areas, flag poles, foot showers, hardscape pavement areas, observation area, handicapped access to the beach, boardwalk, greenspace, seating area.

Attendees were reminded that the Bathhouse Project is just that. Additional road work, traffic concerns or additional drop off areas are not a part of this project.

Residents expressed concerns regarding safety issues. Police presence at the bathhouse is desired, crosswalks should be located at congested areas where they will be used, the option to remove parking spaces to allow for additional drop off areas and create a southbound drop off area.

Mike Sullivan stated that the need for the first-aid station and beach visibility is very important during emergency situations. Also that the lifeguard staff consists of 15 lifeguards each day and that the bathhouse should include lockers, a shower and a place for them to get out of the sun during their breaks. Storage for the lifeguard equipment and an observation area are needed as well.

The main concern of the public is for the size and height of the new bathhouse. Mike stated that the final design is not approved and that all comments are welcome and will be discussed with Ransom and the Committee.

The next Bathhouse Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 5:00pm at the York Library.