

**Municipal Building Committee
Long Sands Bathhouse
Minutes for July 9, 2015**

Present: Michael Sullivan, Director of Parks and Recreation, Dylan Smith, Jim Bartlett, Tim Ward, Stu Dawson, Jim Smith, Nelson Giordano, Erin O'Dea

Absent: Dean Lessard, Steve Bradstreet, Joseph Lipton

Jim Bartlett gave a recap of the Board of Selectman's meeting that he and Mike Sullivan attended where they presented the design options for the bathhouse. The Selectmen were receptive to the #2 design which is favored by the Committee. The Selectmen were informed that the project would need a zoning amendment regarding the setback should the design be selected. The title issue remains unresolved to date.

Ransom has a date of July 23, 2015 to submit the preliminary plan to the Planning Board. Dylan let the Committee know that the Planning Board cannot approve any plan that contains a known zoning violation. The Board of Selectman may determine that the ordinance can be amended using the "water dependent use" reasoning.

It was decided that the Committee members should commit to complete the project on schedule to the best of their ability. Required permits and approvals should be in place for the bidding process when the time comes. The question arose whether the project can begin this year given that there are two items that are dependent on the vote of November 2, 2015. Mike Sullivan pointed out that bids could be few given the short notice if the bathhouse will be ready to open in May of 2016.

Jim Smith gave a recap of the outstanding issues that are tied to the project.

- The project bond's expiration date
- The zoning violation that prevents approval from the Planning Board
- DEP – no rights, title or interest regarding the property that needs to be acquired
- Voters need to vote to approve the ordinance change for the setbacks if design #2 is selected
- Voters need to vote to approve the purchase the land

Jim Bartlett will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen outlining the open issues that are essentially keeping the project in "conceptual" mode. The Committee suggested that given the problems that are tied to this project that it may be unlikely that it will be completed in the original time frame. At this point, the Planning Board cannot sign off until the second Thursday in November after the vote.

Kinley Gregg approached the Committee regarding a concern that she had about a "conflict of interest" having Dylan on the Committee. Kinley was reassured by the Committee that Dylan is on board for advisory purposes only.

The next scheduled Municipal Building Committee meeting is to be determined.