

MINUTES

ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 P.M. Present were Co-Chairs Dan Daly and Therese Desmond, Members, Alyssa Cook, Susan Philips, Bill Ritchie, Bob Mayhew, Victoria Shea, George Tougias, John Sheldon and Attorney Marion McEttrick, and MAL member Mindy D'Arbeloff.

The minutes of the previous meetings were discussed. It was VOTED to amend the minutes of the March 9 meeting to add Victoria Shea as present and it was VOTED to accept those minutes as amended. It was VOTED: to accept the minutes of March 20 meeting.

Paul Kalous updated the committee on the site plan. He had questions about the grade of the garage, about the necessity of the exit sidewalk to the ramp, about the pop up expense and suggested to add this architectural feature as an alternate.

Paul Kalous discussed 3 options for the entry way and mentioned that the pop up would bring more light into the building as it is designed to have two windows on either side.

Mr. Kalous stated that the civil plans have been received. The specifications should be complete by April 17. A cost estimate is projected to be complete by April 13 and the ad in the Central Register should be submitted the same day.

Alyssa Cook asked if the translucent roof over the dog runs was still part of this plan as the roof details were not submitted.

Paul Kalous replied that he would talk to the architect in regards.

A discussion was held in regards to the exterior paving options.

Therese Desmond asked Attorney Marion McEttrick if she would explain a new funding proposal. Marion summarized the offer made by an anonymous donor to help fund the building of a new shelter. The Milton Animal League and the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust will consider this proposal which offers a 2.5 million dollar matching grant to build the shelter with the provision that it remain at its current site.

A discussion ensued in regards to the Attorney General's role in the oversight of proposed projects at the Governor Stoughton property.

A discussion ensued in regards to the ramifications of changing the site location at this time. Dan Daly mentioned that a delay of up to a year would be probable and that as of now, our charge from the Select Board is to pursue construction on the Access Road to the old landfill.

Tim Czerwienski stated that a draft RFP will be sent to committee members before next week's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Desmond
Acting Secretary