

Animal Shelter Advisor Committee  
May 26, 2023  
On Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 12:10

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Therese Desmond at 12:08 PM. In attendance were members, Susan Phillips, Victoria Shea, Alyssa Cook and George Tougias. Also in attendance were Director of Planning and Community Development, Tim Czerwienki, OPM, Paul Kalous, Consolidated Facilities Director Chris Hayden, Attorney Marion McEttrick, Milton Times Reporter Elaine Carroll, and Milton Resident Robert Sweeney..

Chris Hayden was introduced as a new applicant for membership on ASAC to replace Bill Ritchie; he currently serves as Director of Consolidated Facilities.

VOTED: Unanimously, to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Tim Czerwienski summarized the previous week's meeting with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. The State office questioned how the proposed development would benefit the poor under the terms of the Gov. Stoughton Trust and requested a business plan.

Susan Phillips asked if anyone was working on a business plan or the appraisal of the site's worth and/or market value.

Town Planner Tim Czerwienski stated that the Town Administrator was working on that; Marion McEttrick stated there is a need for an exact square footage of the existing and proposed site to present to the members of the Gov. Stoughton Trust.

There was discussion with Paul Kalous of Hill International in regards to how much additional expense this change of plans would cost the town for OPM services, civil and architectural revisions. A ball park figure of less than \$50,000 is expected.

A subcommittee was appointed to write a draft business plan for the Governor Stoughton site. Susan Phillips, Victoria Shea and Therese Desmond volunteered and Marion McEttrick offered to meet as a consultant. **IT WAS VOTED:** to authorize this committee to create a business plan for the Governor Stoughton site

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There was a discussion of the cost of modular construction, the RFP and options and programs that may benefit the poor.

Robert Sweeney spoke as a private citizen and asked the committee to work with urgency to complete this project. He spoke of the long history of the animal shelter on its present site and offered to work as a liaison to the community if the community had concerns about the building of a shelter or its location.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Desmond  
Acting Secretary