

Freetown Building Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Town Hall – Assonet

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Present: Bob Alderson, Harrie Ashley, Nicole Davignon, Mike McCue, Deb Pettey, Mary Rezendes Brown, and Kent Wilkins were present at the Town Hall; Paul Lubin and Paul Sadeck were present via Zoom.

Absent: Cheryl Estrella, Mark Fornaciari, Charlie Sullivan, and Jared Zager.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. McCue, as Moderator, called the meeting to order and acknowledged the resignation of Bob Jose as a member of the Building Committee. This necessitated the election of a new chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Lubin, seconded by Chief Ashley, that Mike McCue be chairman of the Building Committee. No other nominations were received, and the motion carried unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Lubin nominated Mrs. Rezendes Brown for Vice Chairman, and although she appreciated the nomination she declined. Mr. McCue nominated Mr. Sadeck, which nomination was seconded by Mr. Lubin. Mr. Sadeck agreed to serve. The vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Makeup of the Committee

It was acknowledged that the Board of Selectmen voted the previous evening to set the number of members of the Building Committee at 13, the number of currently serving members, to allow this meeting to achieve a quorum without concern for vacancies. Discussion was held on the total number of committee members, with points made as follows:

- ♦ Mrs. Rezendes-Brown noted the competitive selection process for members originally, and how many with good input had been turned away. She advocated not closing the door to additional members.
- ♦ Mr. Alderson felt the current number was adequate, and noted that meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend whether they have a vote on the committee or not.
- ♦ Mr. Lubin noted that Mr. Jose had been a member of the Planning Board, and he felt the Planning Board should be represented. Mrs. Rezendes Brown agreed. Mr. Lubin acknowledged this would create an even number of committee members, which might not be desirable. Ms. Pettey stated she could resign as a voting member and attend as a nonvoting member if that was the case; she also noted the Planning Board is having some turnover in its membership and may not have anyone interested or willing to serve at this time.

Consensus was to leave the number as 13 for the time being, but to request that the Planning Board send members to the meetings if and when available so that that board would have input.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Committee

A request was received from the Board of Selectmen for a member of the Building Committee to volunteer for the Fire Station Building Subcommittee. Mr. Alderson volunteered, but since the Finance Committee will also be picking a representative the group felt he would be the choice for that committee. Mrs. Rezendes Brown next volunteered, and by unanimous consensus will serve as the Building Committee's representative.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, that the minutes of the Board of Selectmen for the joint meeting on August 22, 2022, also serve as the Building Committee's minutes for that meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Chief Ashley, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

This is a True Record by me,

Attest: _____
Chairman