

**MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 5, 2020**  
**4:00 PM**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Members Present: Amy Karas (AK), Annie Wilton (AW), Frank Twiss (FT), Ken Lisiak (KL), Tom Schank (TS)

Members Absent: Bill Renault (BR), George Dow (GD)

Also Present: Town Administrator Andy Sheehan (AS), Selectman Kosta Prentakis (KP), Selectman Rick Kassiotis (RK), Town Clerk Ilene Twiss

Amy Karas called to order at 4:12PM.

AS displayed three options that he and AK came up with try to focus the conversation: postpone the Town Meeting and build support; go forward with just the public safety project with a promise to return with the remainder in 3-5 years; or go forward with a tiered project. KP said there is no natural time to bring the next project forward if it is not all done at once; the next large piece of debt runs through 2033. He recommended going forward with the entire project in April and if it fails come back quickly with the public safety building.

KL suggested going forward on April 16 with three articles: public safety with structured financing; senior center; and funding to repair the existing buildings. That will make it obvious that the no alternative is not a viable choice.

FT recalled the efforts to get the Howe Manning School approved. KP said Howe Manning failed the first time because voters didn't believe that enrollment was increasing; it failed the 2<sup>nd</sup> time because they didn't like the location (Locust Street); and passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> time as voters began to see the impact of doing nothing. KP said the cost of doing nothing needs to be clearly shown.

AW asked RK and KP why the Board of Selectmen were not supportive. KP said it was largely lack of knowledge; the case has not yet been made to them. AK expressed concern about delaying. TS said future revenues need to be quantified and shown.

FT said he thought April 16 is too soon to do the necessary campaign. He is concerned that rushing will hurt us. AK relayed GD's comments: he advocated bringing the entire project forward in June, preceded by a publicity campaign. AK then passed along BR's thought that we should do a listening tour. AS expressed concern that the Committee will not get a clear consensus because you cannot predict who will show up at Town Meeting. FT agreed and said the Committee will appear wishy washy; it is better to go forth with a definitive proposal and bring people around to it.

KP suggested waiting until fall or winter, with an educational campaign beginning in the fall. When someone asked about having the meeting at Masconomet he said it is better to hold the meeting in Middleton if possible.

After more discussion the following actions were taken:

- TS moved to cancel the 4/16/20 Special Town Meeting. FT seconded. 5-0 in favor.
- TS moved to forward a scope consisting of two combined buildings with the economical common plan supported by Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding. FT seconded. 5-0 in favor.
- The Committee agreed late fall 2020 is the target time for Special Town Meeting.

AS said he will cancel scheduled reservations and update the Board of Selectmen on March 10.

AK, AW, and AS will keep the scheduled meeting with the Council on Aging on March 19.

5:56 Meeting adjourned