

MINUTES
Sanbornton Building Construction Committee (BCC)

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Meeting Place: Online in accordance with Emergency Executive Order #12

Nina Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Chair Gardner read the following statement:

Good Evening, as Chairman of the Building Construction Committee, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of Town government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. If you wish to speak, please wait for the Chair to recognize you, then state your name and make your statement.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call Vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll Call of Members Present on the Zoom Meeting

Regular Members present: Nina Gardner (Citizen Rep - Chairman), Steve Cobb (Citizen Rep – Vice Chair), Brendan Morrison (Citizen Rep), Ken Carleton (Employee Rep), Jim Dick (Selectmen's Rep). None of the members had anyone else present with them.

Regular Members absent: Chuck Flanders (Citizen Rep)

Others Present: None

New Business

- a. Jim Dick provided the members with an update on the schedule for Town Meeting. He said the Board of Selectmen voted to delay under the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order #83, which was released last week. The date will still be May 15th, as agreed with the Moderator on January 20. The difference with E.O #83 is that the dates for the statutory events (like a bond hearing) get shifted as well. He reported that the new budget hearing dates are April 6 (Primary) and April 13 (Backup). The Committee agreed to recommend April 15 (Primary) and April 22 (Backup) to the BOS as the dates for the bond hearing.
- b. The Committee reviewed the draft of the input to the Town Report, including some recommendations by Chuck Flanders. The draft was reviewed and some minor edits were made. There was a **motion** by Steve Cobb, seconded by Ken Carleton, to accept and

approve the Town Report input and submit it as soon as possible. There was no discussion of the motion. Roll call vote: Gardner – Aye, Cobb – Aye, Morrison – Aye, Carleton – Aye, Dick- Aye. The motion **passed** unanimously.

- c. Nina brought up the issue of press releases and scheduling. Jim thought it might be better to wait until closer to the time of the hearing to publicize things. Nina agreed. Steve Cobb was concerned that it might create a long “blackout” period if nothing was published for 3 months. Nina recommended considering something after the election on March 9 and the School District Meeting on March 20. It was agreed that the press release for the bond hearing would be submitted to the Winnisquam Echo on 4/2 and to the Laconia Daily Sun on 4/7.
- d. Nina brought up the topic of what publicity to consider between the bond hearing and Town Meeting. The BOS will have to be consulted to see whether they would support doing a Town-wide mailing. She said that she had several residents who were ready to write letters to the editor to support the project. Brendan Morrison said that he also had several people who had volunteered to write letters. It was agreed to request that support in the April timeframe.
- e. Nina raised the subject of placement of the building. She said she felt it was an important factor in making sure it “fits” in the Historic District. Brendan felt that placing the building at an oblique angle would help make it fit better and not make it look like an extension of the Old Town Hall. It was agreed that Nina would ask Keith McBey who the best people would be to talk to about placement options.
- f. The Committee agreed the next meeting will be March 11 at 5 PM via Zoom.

Review of Minutes

There was a mix up with the version of the draft minutes from 1/21. Jim Dick will resend them and they will be voted on at the next meeting. He will post a draft version once Nina has reviewed them.

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting by Brendan Morrison and seconded by Steve Cobb. There was no discussion. Roll call vote: Gardner – Aye, Cobb – Aye, Morrison – Aye, Carleton – Aye, Dick- Aye. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.