Town of Plainville/Plainville Board of Education Joint Meeting MSP Building Project Communication Steering Committee Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 4:30 pm

Meeting Topics:

- I. Call to Order
- Il. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 1. February 1, 2024
- III. Discussion of Feedback from Community Informational Presentations
- IV. Other Items and Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

Place and Time:

Municipal Center

1 Central Square Plainville, CT Council Chambers

Members Present:

Town Council Chairperson: Christopher Wazorko, Town Council Vice

Chairperson: Rosemary Morante, BOE Chairperson: Becky Tyrrell, BOE

Vice Chairperson: Becky Martinez, BOE Member: Jered Bruzas,

Superintendent: Brian Reas (ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Assistant Town Manager: Andy Cirioli, Assistant Superintendent: David Levenduski, Tall Timbers Marketing: Ira Yellen, CSG: Mark Garilli, Jim Giuliano, Director of Business and Operations: Sam Adlerstein, Director of Community Relations: Lynn Davis

Early Departures:

Town Council Chairperson Christopher Wazorko called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. He moved the meeting to Discussion of Feedback from the Community Informational Presentations. The Committee stated that the feedback has been all positive so far, they have been able to answer all the questions that have been brought by the Community. They met with the Senior Center and the feedback was great, they felt included and informed and praised the content and the presentations by the Committee members. The Committee then discussed items that have been brought up in conversation. What happens if the referendum doesn't pass, what if the grant to the State that needs to be submitted by June 30, 2024 isn't approved. Discussion continued.

The State wants to know that Plainville has a project they want to move forward with. Mr. Adlerstein stated that as far as he knows, no Town has ever been denied and once the grant application is received by the State, the reimbursement rate is locked in. At this time the reimbursement rate is over 65% for the project. If the project does not pass referendum, the Town will have time to have a second referendum if needed. Discussion continued.

BECKY TYRRELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 1, 2024 MEETING. ROSEMARY MORANTE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee then discussed the meeting that will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. The Committee will set the dated of the Proposed Referendum for Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Assistant Town Manager Cirioli stated that he is working on the website, once the referendum is set, they will go into a Quiet Period. He will make sure the website is fact based and wants to remind people that if they have questions, to reach out to the Superintendent or the Town Manager. Mark Garilli from CSG informed the Committee that they are working on the State application and will be ready to submit the grant to the State as soon as the referendum is approved. He recommends that at that point the Building Committee should begin looking for an architect and a construction manager. The longer the Building Committee waits, the more the project will cost. Discussion continued.

Mr. Yellen stated that the Steering Committee did a wonderful job organizing the project to move forward with such a quick turnaround. Other Towns have taken months to do what this Committee has done in just five weeks.

Chairperson Wazorko stated that this meeting will be the last formal meeting of the Steering Committee. He is not ready to disband the Committee, but they will not meet again unless something requires their attention. Discussion continued.

Adjournment:

BECKY TYRRELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ROSEMARY MORANTE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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