

**TOWN OF LAKEVILLE  
SENIOR CENTER ADDITION FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE  
May 16, 2023 – 5:00 PM  
Lakeville Senior Center  
1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville, MA**

On May 16, 2023, the Senior Center Addition Feasibility Study Committee held their first meeting at 5:00 PM at the Senior Center. The meeting was called to order by Ari Sky, Town Administrator. Members present were Ari Sky; Nathan Darling, Building Commissioner; Katie Desrosiers, Finance Committee Representative; Lori Fahey, COA Director; Paul Nee, Facilities Manager; and Deveney Boyadjian, COA Board Member. Not present was Lea Fabian, Select Board Member. Also present was Jorge Figueiredo, the Town’s On-Call Owner’s Project Manager (OPM). LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

**Introduction of Committee Members**

Members introduced themselves.

**Discuss and Possible Vote to Select Committee Chair**

A motion was made by Mr. Darling and seconded by Ms. Desrosiers to nominate Ms. Fabian as Committee Chair.

**VOTED:** To nominate Ms. Fabian as Committee Chair.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Darling -aye, Ms. Desrosiers -aye, Mr. Nee -aye,  
Ms. Fahey -aye, Mr. Sky -aye, Ms. Boyadjian -aye.

**VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)**

A second motion was made by Mr. Darling and seconded by Ms. Desrosiers to nominate Mr. Sky as Vice Chair.

**VOTED:** To nominate Ms. Sky as Vice Chair.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Darling -aye, Ms. Desrosiers -aye, Mr. Nee -aye,  
Ms. Fahey -aye, Mr. Sky -aye, Ms. Boyadjian -aye.

**VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)**

## **Discuss Project Background and Objectives**

Ms. Fahey provided a historical background about the concept of the project. She stated that her predecessor, Kelly Howley, began the initiative, which was stalled during Covid. Ms. Fahey advised that the Senior Center is at full capacity and the demographics of the age 60 and older population is growing. In addition, more younger seniors are starting to use the facility. The Senior Center's goal is to be able to cater to the full range of seniors. To accomplish this goal, the Senior Center needs more space to accommodate their program needs. Some of what they hope to see is additional space to have additional programming; office space for Veteran's Agent; meeting space; a fitness room; and a food pantry area.

Mr. Sky advised that the initial study is being funded by a State "Earmark". They also have a number of contributions related to the Lebaron development that the Town has been accumulating over time. These funds can be used to help any project that the Town decides to support. Mr. Sky said that part of the objective of this study is to assess what we can afford to do and what it will look like before deciding whether to take it to Town Meeting. He stated that Jorge Figueiredo, from RTA, is here as the Town's On-Call Owner's Project Manager. Mr. Figueiredo had prepared a proposal, which the Select Board has approved and will allow for the Study.

## **Meet with Owner's Project Manager and Discuss Timeline and Process**

Mr. Figueiredo spoke about the process in which his team will evaluate the existing facility, based on what the current needs are within the existing facility. They would then sit with Ms. Fahey and possibly a subcommittee, to evaluate their needs and see if his team can incorporate those needs within the existing footprint or possibly expand outside of the existing footprint. Mr. Figueiredo said he will work with his consultants to evaluate existing utilities, MEPS, mechanicals, electrical systems, and sewer. He stated that his team will propose plans that will illustrate the current Senior Center, and what the proposed could look like. They would develop some initial costs to coincide with what they propose. They will document some narratives on mechanical systems. He said that he believes everything here exists from when the building was originally built, so it's reaching its lifespan.

Mr. Figueiredo asked if there would be a subcommittee. The committee agreed that it would be best for Mr. Figueiredo's team to meet with Ms. Fahey's staff and stakeholders and then come back and summarize those meetings to the committee and public forum.

Mr. Sky asked Mr. Figueiredo about a timeline. Mr. Figueiredo said he believes the timeline would be approximately three (3) months. Mr. Figueiredo will look to set up a time, over next couple of weeks, to come to the Senior Center with his consultants to tour the facility. They will document existing conditions and meet with staff to get a good understanding of how the space is currently being used and then develop what the future needs will be. He hopes to come back to the committee within the next 2-3 weeks, if his team can get out to the Senior Center next week. He said he would keep the committee updated.

**Schedule next meeting**

Next meeting to be scheduled after On Call OPM provides an update.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.

**List of documents provided at the meeting**