

MINUTES

Ad-Hoc Beaver Meadow Building Committee Meeting
January 10, 2024 - 8:00 AM
Beaver Meadow Golf Course

In Attendance: Mayor Byron Champlin; Councilor Nathan Fennessy (Chair); Councilor Jennifer Kretovic; Mark Coen; Tom Croteau; Linda Matlage; Noemi Weirwille; Doug Proctor and Bill Hickey of The H.L. Turner Group; Frank Lemay and Geoff Lemay of Milestone Construction; Phil Davis; Pat Lanman; Brian LeBrun; and Tom Aspell.

Excused: Chris Mulleavey and Councilor Kris Schultz.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Councilor Fennessy opened the meeting at 8:00 AM with a quorum present.
- 2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes from the December 7, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- 3) **Next Steps:** Mayor Champlin provided the committee with some direction for going forward. He noted that he would like to see the committee work closely with City staff and provide several options for the clubhouse, including the feasibility and cost to renovate, the feasibility and cost to put on an addition, and scaled back options for a newly built clubhouse. He also requested that some private fundraising be conducted.

Discussion ensued among committee members about the integrity of the current building and the inadequacy of the infrastructure. It was suggested that the \$900,000 estimate from the original facility assessment report may not have been entirely realistic, as that estimate was to address deficiencies, not renovations. Councilor Kretovic made the suggestions that the committee provide high, medium and low-cost options for the project.

Deputy City Manager Brian LeBrun indicated that City Administration is still working with the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to address easement issues at the golf course.

The committee discussed fundraising and how it can be very difficult, as well as whose responsibility it would be to take on that endeavor. It was suggested that outside groups be encouraged to do so. Committee members also discussed the fact that the golf course conducts fundraising every day through its sales and greens fees.

Noemi Weirwille noted that Ski the Beav is conducting fundraising for snowmaking. She suggested that obtaining snowmaking equipment will increase the usage of the facility and may help with public support of the clubhouse.

Lastly, committee members agreed that they need to work on public relations and that the public needs to be brought along, step by step, in the process.

- 4) **Adjournment:** With no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 9:05 AM.