

**Town Facilities Review Committee**  
**May 6, 2021, 7 p.m. Northfield Firehouse**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Sam Olmstead, Bill Deacon, Dave Carroll, Chris Casiello, Anne Haas, John Morosani, Jeffrey Zullo (arrived at 7:24.)

**Members Absent:** Marc Moura. Richard Quay

**Alternates present:** Burke Gibney, Recording Secretary Barbara Putnam

**Others absent:** Bantam Borough Liaison Nancy C. Tarascio-Latour

Chairman Sam Olmsted called the meeting to order at 7:05. He appointed Burke Gibney and Barbara Putnam to serve in place of absent members.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Morosani made and Dave Carroll seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of April 15, 2021, as submitted. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Carol Powers was disappointed in the survey; it gave no background on the Annex. Also, she stated that Bill Deacon, having stated at another meeting that his company could demolish the Annex for half the price projected by Raz Alexe, has a conflict of interest and should recuse himself any decision regarding the Annex.

**Old Business:**

**Survey update** – Ann Haas reported that the people who have talked to her about the survey want to feel that they are being listened to. A great many of them do not want a new Town Hall. Both Sam Olmstead and Burke Gibney reported that people appreciated that their opinions were being solicited.

635 responses have been entered into the digital survey. It appears that there will be close to 1000 responses in all. John Morosani will take the remaining ones to have high school students complete the data entry.

Sam showed slides of the results so far. There appears to be support for a Town Hall in the middle of town with all offices under one roof. About 50% of the responses supported keeping the Bantam Annex.

Jeff Zullo arrived at 7:24 p.m.

The facilities that people were most interested in using tax dollars for were, in order of popularity: A community swimming pool, the Litchfield Town Hall, a sports complex, broadband, the Town Beach, a dog park, starter housing and Litchfield Community Field. The general trend favors enhanced recreational, family oriented facilities.

**New Business:**

Sam asked if there were any objection to adding Approval of Invoices to the agenda. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

**Approval of Invoice:** Jeff Zullo made and Dave Carroll seconded a motion to approve an invoice from Barara Putnam, Recording Secretary for work doing in March and April for \$105. All but Barbara, who abstained, voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Public Hearing Schedule** – after lengthy discussion a tentative plan was agreed upon: To plan a public hearing for late June presenting the results of the survey and a description of the Town Hall and the Bantam Annex with floor plans, floor areas, and the functions served. This depends on how long it takes for the remaining data to be entered. There should be three presentations – in Bantam, Litchfield and Northfield – over two weeks. The dates must be set by the Board of Selectmen.

If the June date is not feasible, we will wait until September to have the hearings.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Putnam  
Recording Secretary

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