

Select Board Sidelines

March 9, 2022

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Our Select Board meeting on March first was one of the shortest for this group. This Sidelines will not take you that long to read!

The Thompson Complex: We need to distinguish the Thompson Municipal Association (TMA) from the Future of the Thompson Community Center (CFTCC). The TMA is the new organization that is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the buildings. The CFTCC is the committee responsible for developing possible plans that will culminate with a June vote.

TMA: The Select Board approved the TMA's request for an additional \$5,000 from the up to \$30,000 approved at our recent Special Town meeting. The total disbursed is now \$ 23,500. The amount of time, effort, thought, planning and investigation by this group is laudatory. Limiting their ability to fully utilize the building and to generate income such as renting to large gatherings like Flea Markets is a past failure to address a 2018 Fire Marshalls report. Additionally, the TMA was advised to provide a more detailed report on income and expenses.

CFTCC: If one listens to the Town Hall Stream of the CFTCC meetings it will quickly become evident that this committee is being thorough with their investigation of the various possibilities for the Thompson complex decision. As a town we are very grateful for the investigation, professionalism and deliberation being accomplished by this committee. The CFTCC will present their findings at a special Select Board meeting on March 29. Expect the Warrant Article for the June vote to follow shortly thereafter. There will be a public hearing, information on the Town's website, perhaps a YouTube video and printed information. There is a commitment to communicate and educate.

Pullen Fund: The purchase of the "Clark Field" property is expected to be addressed shortly. Although not yet finalized, expect to hear more about this shortly.

Solar Field: Consolidated Edison has paid their code fees (approximately \$60,000) and filed their performance bond. Construction activity is expected when the weather breaks.

Ageing in Place: Forty-Six Seniors have signed up for the St. Patrick's Day luncheon. We look forward to seeing you!