

Select Board Sidelines

March 23, 2022

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Two short Select Board meetings in a row! What a pleasure. Unfortunately, there were technical difficulties with “Town Hall Streams” on the 15th. It has now been uploaded to Town Hall Streams.

The Thompson Complex: As a reminder, 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 committee reported receipts of \$14,823 not including the money from the Town. These receipts were generated from rents, activities, donations, thrift store and the sale of excess shelving. It was reported that the “Thompsons Treasures” thrift store is thriving. That the gym is open weekday mornings for walkers and some basketball. Safety updates are taking place. They further reported that the current cash on hand will probably be sufficient to get the TMA to the end of June. Earlier projections indicated that they may request an additional \$2,500 in April. If they did so this would mean that they would have requested a total of \$26k from the town going back to January, but it's looking like that won't be necessary based on decreasing heating needs as weather warms up. We were informed that any cash balance the TMA may possess on 6/30 will be distributed back to the town in full, which will likely be a few thousand dollars.

CFTCC: We look forward to the CFTCC committee's presentation at a special Select Board meeting on March 29. This meeting will take place in person in the William L. Pullen meeting room in the Town Office building. We do expect that it will be available on your electronic device as well. Hopefully, technology will cooperate, and you will be able to ask questions electronically as well (not guaranteed). Expect the Warrant Article for the June vote to follow shortly thereafter. There will be multiple avenues providing public information regarding the alternative uses and/or disposition of this property. Before the Town vote in June.

Aging in Place: We had a very successful St. Patrick's Day luncheon! Thank you to the volunteers for serving take away luncheons for 46 seniors including 4 deliveries. Aging in Place is in need of a chairperson. If you are interested, or would just like to become involved with AIP, please attend our next meeting. It is being held in person in the William L. Pullen meeting room in the Town Office building on April 4 at 1 PM.