



RICHMOND PHASE 2 BUILDING COMMITTEE

Thursday May 12, 2022 6:00 pm

Attendees: Pat Callahan, Kathryn Wilson, Dick Stover, Bob Gniadek, Chris May, Mark Gross, Nate Steel, Stephanie Beling, Peter Cohen, Kristin Smith, Gloria Morse, Roger Manzolini

Guests: Neal Pilson, Katherine Keenum, Curtis Edgin, Claudia Ryan, Angela Garrity

Approval of minutes of May 5, 2022: Approved

Review of Presentation for Town Meetings:

- Pat updated the Power Point presentation with current numbers and information to be presented at the Baby Town meeting on 5/14 and at the Special Town Meeting on Wed 5/18.
- New Power Point includes up-to-date costs, unexpected challenges (septic location, fire suppression system, inflation), and a Needs Assessment that has not changed.
- Project total is now \$8,042,500. The borrowing approved in 2021 of \$6.8M and \$111,700 (the amount left over from the initial borrowing) leave a shortfall of \$1,630,800.
- The Finance Committee has recommended approval of borrowing of an additional \$1M that will be noted in the Annual Report, due out tomorrow (5/13) and the transfer of \$130,500 of free cash to the project.
- Our **funding plan** for the shortfall:

*ARPA funds	\$300,300
Gifts (given through the Friends of Library)	\$200,000
Free Cash transfer	\$135,500
Extra borrowing (vote on 5/18)	\$1M
TOTAL	\$1,630,800

(*ARPA amounts to be approved by Selectmen as soon as \$1M vote is approved)

Next steps:

How to get this information out to the public?

- An article ran in the Richmond Record on 5/11
- Library and Town Hall should put out sandwich signs outside to advertise the 5/18 6:30 Special meeting time
- Committee members should each phone or email at least 10 people (especially project supporters and donors) to "get out the vote".

- Friends of Library donation funds have been moved from a CD to checking account. Those funds and other new donations will be cleared and check given to the Selectmen for approval ASAP after positive vote.

Upcoming dates:

Baby Town Meeting at Town Hall on Sat 5/14 at 10:00 am –presentation of new info

Special Town Meeting at RCS on Wed 5/18 at 6:30 pm – vote on additional borrowing and transfer of funds from Free Cash account to this project (2/3 yes vote needed to pass).

Annual Town Meeting on Wed 5/18 at 7:30 pm at RCS – vote on other warrant items

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by K. Wilson