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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

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Chairman Paight stated, as Chairman of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during the meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll call attendance:

Chairman Paight	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room
Selectman Pitt	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room
Selectman Nelson	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm. Also present in the Zoom meeting were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Tom Weller and Charles Michal of Weller & Michal Architects, Inc.

The group discussed ongoing concerns about the FFL Addition and its proximity to the underground water tunnel.

Mr. Weller said that Ed Goodrich will add the tunnel stakes to his partial site plan which will allow them to revise their plans to get more accurate building placement. There was discussion about site circulation, they do not believe the site will need two accesses.

The Board asked how the idea of moving the entrance to Library Way came up. Mr. Weller explained that it was discussed a while ago and his site engineer David Bergeron wanted to look into it one more time for everyone to consider. The group discussed if Library Way should be made one way. Further research is needed on the process.

The Board has insisted that a written, stamped opinion be provided by TR Fellows Engineering with their analysis of the addition being constructed so close to the water way, currently at four feet, six inches, and how that opinion reconciles to the email from DuBois & King which recommended a nine foot distance. It is thought to be due to footing depth. Mr. Weller confirmed that TR Fellows Engineering will be the engineer of record and is a subcontractor of Weller & Michal Architects. The Town has been asked for two things:

1. Verification that the project is exempt from Zoning, specifically setback requirements.
2. A copy of Ed Goodrich's revised survey.

Back to the possibility of the entrance off Library Way. The downside is that the road is narrow and there is concern over the turning radius of large vehicles. TA Smith shared her screen and showed the mapping done for the asset management plans. The map showed that there is a stormwater pipe that runs along the side of Library Way. There is a known pipe collapse at seventy eight feet from the storm drain at the top of Library Way heading towards Route 124, this is on the list of fixes for the Town. She also pointed out that the underground tunnel changes to narrow two to three foot granite slabs as it goes down the front lawn of the library so there cannot be any vehicular activity in that area. We know the stones are shifting and soil is eroding causing sinkholes. The Board is concerned about additional water that will be directed into the tunnel as a result of this project. Mr. Weller explained that there will be a drain located in the low spot of the parking lot that will need to be tied into the tunnel. Other factors will be analyzed. Selectman Pitt noted that if it is possible to use an existing opening, it would be better than making a new hole.

Conversation shifted to construction timeline. Mr. Weller was asked if it is still possible to get the addition closed in before the cold weather and then have the inside work done. That seemed feasible.

The group noted that there has been no detailed discussion with the Building Advisory Committee about the budget.

It was reiterated that the Board of Selectmen will need two opinions from TR Fellows Engineering, one for the building and its proximity to the tunnel and one for the two driveway alternatives. The only way to make a decision on the driveway is to see the analysis of both options. If the opinion on the building is satisfactory to the Board there should be no further delay and can be moving forward until the decision on the driveway is made.

Weller & Michal left the meeting at 4:25 pm.

TA Smith will follow up with Weller & Michal in an email tomorrow.

Selectman Pitt moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes and Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator