

## **Community Center Building Committee release August 13, 2020**

Even as Town operations are modified and many of its buildings are closed during these unique times, work on the town's mandates continues, including the Caryl Community Center Building Committee mandate approved by voters at the town meeting in May 2019.

Over the past few months many have missed the wider communities they were part of and are looking forward to a time when they can meet safely again. The Building Committee have also been looking forward to this, thinking ahead to designs for a space that could bring the Dover community back together and also be a Community Center that is designed with the future issues in mind. Designs that can offer a community center prepared for the needs of Dover now and in the future through innovative space design, optimized outdoor space planning and smart engineering.

During the COVID-19 pandemic work has continued, and a Project Management team and Architect Team have been recruited, forming the Feasibility Study Team.

**The Caryl Community Center Building Committee will have its first meeting with its Feasibility Study Team on Monday, August 24, 2020 BY Zoom at 5pm. The link to connect into the meeting is on the Dover Town website at [https://www.doverma.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/\\_08242020-1797](https://www.doverma.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_08242020-1797)**

The next step is to engage engineering firms to perform an analysis of the existing conditions of the current Caryl Community Center Building and the property that it sits on in anticipation of Renovating the existing building and / or demolition of all or part of the structure in favor of a New building.

At the same time, the Team will meet with the principal occupants of the building to determine their needs to meet their functionality. They will engage with citizen groups and individual citizens through "visioning sessions". They will review existing reports especially as related to last year's Community Center Project Committee. They will look to their own experience with community center building as well as what our neighbors have done. All with the goal to

determine what and how the Community Center will be used for now and into the future. This will give our Architect the road map for design.

From this effort Schematic renderings will be created for Renovations & New. Community input will be sought and finally a design for each option will be selected. Pricing for each plan will be produced. The plans will be designed to meet the towns budget all in anticipation of a Town Meeting decision the spring of 2021.

The success of this project resides in citizen participation and citizen active support. The teams the committee are working with have adapted to the current circumstances moving from live meetings to virtual platforms through which to engage communities with great success. The committee looks forward to welcoming you at these meetings.

The Building Committee members are Ford Spalding, Chair; Dave Billings, Luciana Burdi, Sam Cole, Barry Goldman, Terry Sobolewski & Ruth Townsend. Chris Dwelley, Dover Town Administrator, is assisting the committee. Colliers International is the Owners Project Manager (OPM) firm represented by Ken Guyette, Project Director and Phil Palumbo, Project Manager. Our Architectural firm is Fennick McCredie Architecture represented by Deborah Fennick, Principal Architect, Jon Richardson, Project Architect and Melissa Vaillancourt, Project Manager.

If you wish to join the meeting on Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm you can find the link to join the meeting on this page:

<https://www.doverma.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/ 08242020-1797>

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