



# TOWN OF SUFFIELD

**MEETING MINUTES  
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 19, 2023 5:30 p.m.  
IN-PERSON MEETING ONLY**

**Location: Babb's Roller Rink Building  
435 Babbs Road, West Suffield, CT**

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**Meeting Name: Permanent Building Commission**

**By: Rebecca Sypek - Recording Secretary**

**Type of Meeting: Special Meeting**

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## **Permanent Building Commission Members Present**

Kevin Goff, Chairman  
Marty Page, Alternate Member  
Cathie Ellithorpe, Member  
Brian Baril, Alternate Member  
Heather Van Deusen, Member  
Joe Sangiovanni, Member  
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman  
Billy Gozzo, Member

## **Also Present**

Christopher Matejek, Director of Public Works  
Colin Moll, First Selectman  
Dave Girardini, Public Works Project Manager

Chairman Kevin Goff called the Regular Meeting of the Permanent Building Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. He asked for a roll call identifying members present at the meeting.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2023**

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2023. Glenn Neilson motioned to approve the minutes, and Joe Sangiovanni seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Introduction and Review of plans to renovate Babb's Roller Rink**

First Selectman Colin Moll introduced the project to the Commission. Originally, the idea for this building was to create a multi-use facility from this existing structure; however, it was agreed that the cost was too much. Now the thought is to create a "Babbs Pavilion," an outdoor recreational facility, which would include a dog park and playground.

The Board of Selectman decided to put the project in the Commissions hands at this point. A budget of \$1.5 million for the scope of work to modify the building into an open Pavillion. However, the Board of Selectman would prefer to limit the spending \$1.2 million.

The town could potentially find some savings through some volunteering of time and effort. The Board of Selectman is hoping to have this Commission get more accurate estimates on costs and efforts.

The charge for this Commission from the Board of Selectman is: how close can the town get to their ideal project idea for \$1.2-1.5 million?

Glenn Neilson gave some additional background to the project and brought up some concerns about the structure. Kevin Goff brought up concerns about lead paint and worry about allowing volunteers to do work with remediation required. The members discussed the potential requirements that may need to be met considering the roller rink is a historical building.

There were questions about the possible requirement for fire protection.

Kevin also asked about programing for the pavilion and brought up the potential lighting necessities. That would need to be researched as well and updates will most likely need to be made to the existing electrical system.

Colin reminded the Commission that the Board of Selectman is mostly just looking for cost estimates from the Commission to start. If the estimate ends up being much over \$1.2 million, and town resident interest isn't very high, then most likely the project wouldn't continue. However, the Board may also consider working on this project in phases to make it more cost friendly.

The Commission agreed the first step would be an environmental test, then potentially a design review. Colin confirmed there's no specific timeline for this project, so the Commission isn't in a significant rush. Kevin also forewarned Colin that this research may take over a year before the project could even begin.

## **New Business**

A second round of EPA mandated air testing at the library happened today, so the Commission will be waiting for results.

## **Public Comment**

None

The next Regular Meeting of the Permanent Building Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Kevin Goff motioned to adjourn the meeting, and all seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Sypek  
Recording Secretary