

Southampton Senior Center Building Committee Meeting No. 35

On September 10, 2025, Meeting No. 35 of the Southampton Senior Center Building Committee was held in the Senior Center at the Southampton Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Janet Cain at 10:00 pm. The following people attended the meeting.

MEMBERS

Janet Cain, Co-Chair

Chris Fowles, Selectboard Rep.

Dennis Vogel, Co-Chair

Kate DiSanto, COA Director

Karle Kushi

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darcie Gasperini

Ted Palmer, COA Board Chair

Libby Baldwin, Clerk

The following is a summary of the discussions held at the meeting.

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM in the Senior Center for the Public Information Session - open discussion with residents.

- a. Co Chair Cain introduced members of the SCBC. She gave a brief timeline refresher that began in July 2021 (receipt of notification from the Estate), followed by Ad Hoc Senior Center committee members being approved by Select Board, engagement via RFQ of an Architectural Firm utilizing monies from the Estate, town survey in January 2023, receipt of monies after the approval of the Executor, lawyer for the Estate and Courts and the formation of the Building Committee in January 2024.
- b. Approximately 15 residents came to learn more about the Future Senior Center Project. Some of the individuals that asked questions included Jennifer Johnson, Bradley Towle, Anne and Bruce Bowman and Nilda Cohen. No sign in was required. K. DiSanto and D. Vogel handed out the FAQ sheet developed by committee members.

2. Any other business that cannot wait until the next meeting

- a. Following the conclusion of the Info Session, the committee held a brief business meeting. C. Fowles informed the SCBC that the Town just learned that there would be a substantial increase in Health Insurance for Town employees including Norris School and HRHS. The Select Board may need additional time beyond September 30th to determine how this financial shortfall would be addressed. Given this new information, the members in attendance (listed above) had a brief discussion on whether, given the new fiscal challenge, if this would be the appropriate timing for requesting a vote at the Special Town Meeting for a \$12 million Senior Center. Each member in attendance expressed their concerns and concluded that it would not be fiscally responsible at this moment. All members present expressed the desire to delay the project although an official vote was not taken.

3. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting was not scheduled at this time.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Minutes respectfully written & submitted by J. Cain, Co-Chair