

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
April 15, 2025, 2:00 PM
Alta Community Center, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Bourke
Councilmember Carolyn Ancil
Councilmember John Byrne
Councilmember Elise Morgan
Councilmember Dan Schilling

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Cawley, Town Manager
Mike Morey, Town Marshal
Jen Clancy, Town Clerk
Molly Austin, Assistant Town Manager
Brooke Boone, Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Cameron Platt, Legal Counsel

NOT PRESENT:

Written comments submitted for this meeting are attached.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bourke called the Special Town Council Meeting of April 15, 2025 to order to receive public input and discuss the potential purchase of the Our Lady of the Snows (OLS) Center.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE TOWN'S POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CENTER

Mayor Bourke opened the meeting by stating that the purpose was to hear community perspectives and, as time allowed, engage in dialogue. He acknowledged the strong feelings surrounding the issue and emphasized the importance of making decisions based on rational evaluation and the broader community interest, rather than emotion. Mayor Bourke reaffirmed that the council's role is to serve the public good and recognized the significance of ACE as a valued part of Alta's cultural fabric.

Mayor Bourke explained that, following closed-session discussions, the Town Council had reached a majority consensus that pursuing the potential purchase of OLS would be in Alta's best interest. He clarified that the town's expression of interest was to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent to solicit a response from the Catholic Diocese of SLC. He underscored that the OLS property is owned by the Diocese, and that only the Diocese can determine whether to sell—and to whom. He acknowledged that the process may have appeared opaque to the public, noting that real estate negotiations are legally permitted to occur in closed session. Mayor Bourke expressed regret for any confusion and reiterated the council's openness to public input, stating that he, along with others, was willing to reconsider his position if convinced by community feedback.

He then invited speakers to come to the podium, state their name and address, and limit their remarks to three minutes. He called for civility and asked speakers to avoid repeating points that had already been made, assuring everyone they would have a chance to be heard.

Councilmember Byrne clarified that holding closed-door discussions was a choice by the council, not a legal requirement. Councilmember Schilling expressed that the decision to hold closed meetings was appropriate.

Councilmember Morgan shared that although ACE had knowledge of the potential sale since December, the council did not become aware until February. Morgan noted that the slow pace of government decision-making was intentional and stated they had been contemplating the matter deeply since first learning of it. Morgan expressed concern about division within the community and noted that some residents felt uncomfortable sharing their opinions publicly due to fear of social repercussions. Morgan reiterated their longstanding support for the idea of a community center.

Councilmember Anctil voiced support for ACE as a vital community organization. Anctil also expressed concerns related to feeling vilified by ACE despite continued support for the organization. Anctil distinguished between support for ACE and the question of who should own OLS. Anctil expressed concern about a small nonprofit holding one of the few real estate assets in Alta in perpetuity. Anctil reiterated that the space should continue to serve as ACE's home, regardless of ownership.

Councilmember Byrne described the situation as a pivotal moment for ACE. Byrne advocated for the Town Council to withdraw its Letter of Intent to purchase OLS to allow ACE the opportunity to purchase it directly. Byrne expressed concern over the potential financial impact on the town's capital reserves and stated that supporting ACE's independent ownership of the property would better align with community interests.

The meeting then moved to public comment.

Sara Gibbs started by thanking Jen Clancy and Chris Cawley for helping expedite the special meeting. She also expressed gratitude to Councilmember Byrne for offering to fully fund ACE's purchase of the Our Lady of the Snows (OLS) Center. Gibbs stated that neither ACE, the Town, nor the community wanted to be in the current situation, acknowledging the tension surrounding the issue. Gibbs stated that in December, both ACE and members of the Town staff were informed that the Catholic Diocese no longer intended to own or operate the OLS building. Gibbs emphasized that securing OLS as a permanent home for ACE had long been a goal. Gibbs reported that in January, Byrne offered full funding to ACE to purchase the building and that ACE informed the council of its intentions in February and then submitted a bid to the Diocese. Gibbs expressed disappointment over what she described as a lack of transparency from the Town following this submission. She stated that while the Town had not acted illegally, its conduct came close to violating the Open Meetings Act, referencing a decision to submit a Letter of Intent to the Diocese, which she learned about only after the Diocese informed her it had selected the Town's offer over ACE's. Gibbs questioned why the Town had not been fully open about its actions and shared concerns about informal assurances given to ACE regarding its continued presence in the building. She mentioned that while Town representatives had stated ACE's rent, lease, and use of the space would remain unchanged if the Town purchased OLS, her recent experiences had made her cautious of verbal agreements. Gibbs noted that the Town's attorney had committed to formalizing such terms in writing, which she appreciated. Gibbs concluded by describing OLS as a sacred space for many and questioned whether the current process reflected the spirit and character

of Alta. She invoked past Alta figures, asking the council to consider what they might think of the situation.

Connie Marshall, former ACE Board member and longtime manager of Our Lady of the Snows (OLS), shared her decades-long involvement with the building, dating back to its planning in the early 1990s. Marshall explained that the Diocese has not actively managed OLS for over 30 years, with community members like herself handling operations, maintenance, and leasing—clarifying that ACE's lease came from the executive committee, not the Diocese. Marshall described ongoing challenges and years of outreach to the Diocese, which eventually led to their decision to sell. While recognizing the Town of Alta as a capable steward, Marshall voiced her support for ACE as the future owner due to its deep connection and long-standing care for the space.

Aubrey Burnett, a board member of ACE, expressed strong personal support for ACE's bid to purchase Our Lady of the Snows (OLS) and asked the Town Council to back that effort. Burnett emphasized ACE's long-standing relationship with the town and stressed that ownership would allow ACE to preserve its mission and programming. Burnett acknowledged the town's good intentions but warned that future changes in leadership or economic conditions could jeopardize ACE's tenancy. Burnett noted that OLS is essential to ACE's operations, hosting over 100 events annually, and argued that ACE ownership would ensure continuity while saving taxpayer money.

Brent Leyerle, a resident of Alta since 2020, voiced support for ACE and emphasized the need for transparency and collaboration in the town's decision-making regarding Our Lady of the Snows. While acknowledging that the town may choose to purchase the building, he urged the council to commit to a long-term lease with ACE to maintain its historical use. Leyerle highlighted community frustration over the perceived lack of transparency and encouraged more open communication and public engagement before a final decision is made.

Dan Parisi, a five-season Alta skier and community member, expressed deep appreciation for the town and ACE's contributions, emphasizing that ACE has proven its commitment to the community through years of service. He supported ACE's bid to purchase Our Lady of the Snows, praising its alignment with community values and highlighting the shared goal between ACE and the town to preserve the space as a community center. Parisi questioned why, given this shared vision, ACE shouldn't be the one to own the space, especially if it allows them to redirect funds toward enhancing community offerings.

Clare Chapman, a former employee of ACE, emphasized ACE's long-standing, non-transactional relationship with Our Lady of the Snows, describing it as mutually beneficial. She argued that ACE, with secured funding and a proven track record of supporting community well-being, is well-positioned to continue stewarding the building. Chapman questioned how town ownership would better serve residents, especially considering potential impacts on future town projects and the erosion of public trust due to a lack of transparency. She urged the council to consider how their decision will affect community trust and engagement.

Paul Moxley, a long-time Alta resident and former council member, expressed concerns about the town potentially purchasing Our Lady of the Snows. While he acknowledged not being fully informed on the town's current financials, he questioned the use of public reserve funds for what he sees as a charitable or limited-use purpose. Moxley argued that decisions about supporting nonprofits should be

left to individuals, not the government, and questioned both the economic and philosophical justification for the town acquiring the building.

Ellza Coyle O'Reilly, one of the original visionaries behind ACE and a key figure in the formation of Our Lady of the Snows as a community space, provided historical context about the building's origins. She credited Joan Huber for bringing together the Town of Alta, the Forest Service, and the Catholic Diocese in the early 1990s to secure the land and funding for the building, with a shared understanding that it would serve the community. O'Reilly spoke to her own role in starting ACE and deliberately stepping away to ensure the organization could grow into its own independent entity. She praised Sara Gibbs for elevating ACE beyond expectations, while emphasizing that ACE's success is rooted in a larger network of people who believe in its mission and are ready to continue that work into the future. O'Reilly expressed concern about the Town of Alta diverting resources toward purchasing the building when there are other pressing needs, like water and the potential impacts of the upcoming Olympics. She urged the council to trust ACE's stewardship, honor decades of community planning that envisioned a permanent home for the organization, and avoid further disruption to Alta's cherished natural landscape.

Sarah McMath, a nine-year community member and Alta Ski Area employee, voiced strong support for ACE, emphasizing its vital role in fostering Alta's unique culture. She questioned the town's decision to allocate taxpayer dollars toward purchasing the building rather than investing in other town infrastructure. McMath highlighted the long-standing collaboration between the Town and ACE and advocated for sustaining that partnership to preserve a lasting community resource.

Megan Oliver, ACE's Events and Marketing Director, shared her personal connection to the organization, recounting how ACE became a lifeline for her during a difficult time, offering community, support, and purpose. She emphasized that ACE has provided similar opportunities to many in the community, becoming a refuge for those in need. Oliver expressed disappointment in the town's lack of transparency regarding the purchase of Our Lady of the Snows and urged the council to listen to the voices supporting ACE's mission. She challenged the town to choose a legacy of growth, connection, and compassion over control.

Evan Tobin, a long-time Alta resident and former ACE board member, expressed his confusion about the town's interest in purchasing the Our Lady of the Snows building. He noted that he had donated to the building's original fundraisers with the understanding that it would be used as a community center. Tobin explained ACE's integral role in the community, having helped grow and manage the organization, and praised its current leadership under Sara Gibbs. He argued that the building's primary use is as a community center and questioned why the town would want to take on the financial burden of maintaining it when ACE is well-equipped to do so. He argued that the Town's entry into the negotiation process drove up the purchase price, forcing ACE to revise and increase its offer to the Diocese. Tobin urged the town to withdraw its bid and allow ACE to purchase the building, ensuring its long-term stability with an endowment.

Christopher Barnes, an Alta resident and voter, expressed appreciation for the thoughtful discussions and the difficult job of the town council. He acknowledged ACE's long-standing impact and its valuable contribution to the community. Barnes proposed a potential compromise, suggesting that the town participate as a nominal minority monetary partner (around 10%) in exchange for a right of first refusal

if ACE were to go out of business in the future. This would ensure the town's involvement in the building's future while allowing ACE to maintain control, as long as it continues to serve the community. Barnes urged for a solution that benefits both the town and ACE, promoting a win-win outcome rather than a zero-sum scenario.

Andrew Gardner, said he moved to Alta he was 19, and has been a long-time employee at the Peruvian Lodge and was the owner of a film production company. Gardner expressed confusion over the town's decision to pursue the purchase of the Our Lady of the Snows (OLS) building. Gardner questioned why a nonprofit, like ACE, could not own and operate the building, and he expressed concern over the significant use of the town's reserve funds, roughly 75%, to acquire the property. He reiterated his support for ACE purchasing the building and urged the town to withdraw its bid.

Margaret Bourke shared that while she wasn't taking a definitive position on the issue, she emphasized that ACE is an integral part of the Alta community. She acknowledged that ACE wouldn't exist without the Town of Alta, and vice versa, highlighting the symbiotic relationship between the two. Bourke reminded everyone that the community is composed of diverse groups, but they all come together as one. She also noted her perspective as one of the older members of the community.

Jerry Oyama stated that he had no additional points to add, as everything he intended to express had already been covered. He mentioned that he would post his letter on the town website for others to read. Oyama then asked a question regarding how often the Town of Alta had actually used the Our Lady of the Snows space in the past year.

Jerry Wile shared his emotional response to the situation, expressing that he had never witnessed such tension in Alta before. He mentioned his involvement in various projects, including a committee for recommending a community center in the past, noting that keeping everyone happy in such matters is nearly impossible. Wile expressed pain over the hard feelings this issue has caused and encouraged the council to work towards a solution that would satisfy everyone.

Dave "Grom" Richards, a long-time resident of Alta and former council member, expressed his perspective on the situation. He emphasized that the purchase of Our Lady of the Snows (OLS) would be an inappropriate use of town funds. Richards argued that while the town may want the building, it does not need it, pointing out more pressing needs such as a new police station and an updated water system. He stated that Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) requires the space, can fund it, and should be allowed to have it. He urged the town council to prioritize essential services and not spend taxpayer money on the OLS purchase.

Dennis Mayou, a long-time skier and parishioner at Our Lady of the Snows, expressed his support for ACE and its leadership, including Sara, Connie, and Paul. He commended their stewardship of the building over the years and emphasized the value of their efforts. Though a resident of Cottonwood Heights, Mayou stated his deep connection to Alta and wanted to offer his perspective in favor of ACE.

Neil Howard, a long-time community member and ACE Board member, expressed concern over the town's intention to purchase the Our Lady of the Snows building. He highlighted a point from the April 9 meeting regarding land ownership considerations. The land under OLS is owned by the US Forest Service, which typically transfers land to government entities at no cost. Howard questioned the town's transparency on this matter, suggesting that the lack of clarity regarding the land's future and

the town's motivations added to concerns about the process. He reiterated that ACE is already fulfilling the community's needs, and the town's role in owning the building was unclear.

Kaylee Byrne, a lifelong resident of Alta, expressed her support for Sara and the ACE team. She emphasized her confidence in Sara's leadership and the nonprofit's ability to manage the building effectively. Byrne questioned the town's motivations for purchasing the building, suggesting that it was not driven by financial necessity or long-term community benefit, but rather by fear or questionable intentions. She urged the council to trust ACE, noting that the nonprofit's efforts ensure the longevity of the community enrichment it provides. She also voiced disapproval of the town's approach, expressing frustration with the way the process was being handled.

Annie Gamble Myer, a long-time resident of Alta, spoke about the importance of the church space, which she described as a "spirit world" that has served the community in many ways, including as a space for education with past teachers like Deb. She emphasized the role of the space in nurturing the community's spirit and creativity and argued that maintaining this space should be the responsibility of the community rather than the town government. Myer urged the town council to seriously consider the value of having a spirit center that serves both artistic and human needs.

Paul Lippert shared his vision for the future of the Our Lady of the Snows building. He proposed that the town rescind its offer to purchase the building from the diocese and instead back ACE's bid to acquire it. Lippert emphasized the importance of community support for ACE and suggested that the town help secure funding from state or federal sources to make the building more sustainable by converting it into a green building, replacing the patio, and heating it. He concluded by expressing his personal wish for this outcome, humorously referring to it as his birthday wish, and asked the town council to make it come true.

Creighton Hart shared his perspective on the situation regarding the Our Lady of the Snows building, particularly emphasizing safety concerns, such as the deteriorating stairs that pose a hazard. He raised questions about the potential limitations on the building's use if the town were to own it, such as whether certain symbols or events, like pride flags or religious services, would be allowed. Hart also questioned concerns about ACE's ability to maintain the building, suggesting that without a mortgage, the building could be securely owned and potentially placed in a trust to ensure its longevity. He expressed support for transferring the building to ACE, especially with a benefactor willing to support it, and encouraged open communication to address fears.

Sarah Snedaker, the current president of the Alta Community Enrichment (ACE) board, shared her thoughts on the potential acquisition of the Our Lady of the Snows building. She expressed her belief that ACE's future would be strengthened by securing the building as a permanent home. Sarah highlighted the importance of the building in providing stability for ACE's long-term success, particularly after Sara Gibbs steps down. She emphasized that securing the building would help solidify the legacy of both Sara and Ellza and offer ACE the opportunity to grow further. She also mentioned how scattered the ACE office spaces are, with employees working from different locations, and that a permanent space would improve organization and support the growth of the community enrichment efforts.

Jen Clancy mentioned that written public comments where permission was granted, would be included in this meeting minutes. Sara Gibbs raised questions about the Town of Alta's vision for the building, particularly what would happen after the diocese exits. She expressed concern about securing a space for ACE events and other community functions. Anctil advocated for maintaining the building as a community center, acknowledging ACE's significant role but stressing the need for broader access. Anctil also pointed out that other community needs, such as events unrelated to ACE, should be considered, and suggested alternative funding methods could be explored to support ACE's mission.

Elise Morgan shared her initial fear that a private developer might purchase the building, which sparked a strong reaction to ensure it remains a community asset. She reflected on the ongoing difficulty of securing a community center, noting that other options, like a \$20 million building, were not financially feasible. While she expressed trust in ACE, Morgan also mentioned concerns from other users of the space, particularly those wishing to rent the building for events like weddings or religious services. Mayor Bourke and Cameron Platt, the town attorney, clarified the legal processes involved in the town's potential acquisition of the building. Platt explained that public meetings would be held to disclose the terms of any offer, and that the town had operated within legal frameworks by discussing strategy in closed meetings to preserve negotiation integrity. Cameron also addressed accusations of violating open meeting laws, explaining that these were misunderstandings and emphasizing that the town was following proper legal procedures. Overall, the discussion highlighted a shared desire to maintain the building as a community asset while balancing the needs of ACE and other community members.

Molly Barnes raised two key questions during the meeting. She first asked about potential limitations on the use of the community center if the town owned the building, specifically regarding how state legislature restrictions, such as those affecting school buildings, might impact town properties. She questioned whether pride flags or same-sex marriages could be restricted under such regulations. Her second question addressed property taxes, asking if the diocese currently pays property taxes on the building, and if ACE, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, would also be exempt from property taxes. She also sought clarification on whether the town, if it were to own the building, would be exempt from property taxes, effectively making all three entities—ACE, the diocese, and the town—equal in terms of tax exemptions.

Cameron Platt addressed Molly Barnes' concerns by explaining the restrictions set by the state legislature on flag displays in government buildings, stating that only an approved list of flags can be displayed. He acknowledged that this statute could be challenged on First Amendment grounds but noted that, for now, it remains in effect. Regarding the use of a government building for events, he clarified that the law requires equal access, meaning any religious or other group could rent the space, provided they comply with the rental terms and fees. As for property taxes, Cameron confirmed that, as a government entity, the town does not pay property taxes on the building, and similarly, ACE, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, would also be exempt from taxes.

Cathy Tansimore introduced herself not as a resident but as a long-time community member and active participant in ACE events. She asked whether the town had communicated with ACE about how the building would be used, noting that ACE had hosted over 150 events in the building last year and thousands over the years. Cathy expressed confidence that if ACE owned the building, they would

continue to host arts, community, culture, and educational events. She mentioned that the town seemed to question whether certain events would still be allowed if ACE took over the building. Cathy then asked whether the town had discussed with ACE their intentions for the building's use and whether ACE was clear on the town's intentions.

Dan Schilling noted that the current meeting was one of many opportunities for the public to share their input and he emphasized the importance of gathering this feedback.

Jim Williams, a resident of Alta, shared his perspective on the potential acquisition of the building. He acknowledged the need for transition space and the convenience of utilizing the existing building, which could be converted into a temporary solution at a relatively low cost. However, he expressed concern over the town's focus on acquiring a new building when they had previously invested significant resources in a plan (referred to as the "spaceship") in 2020. He pointed out that the Natural History Museum in Salt Lake took time to raise the necessary funds and build an iconic structure, suggesting that the town of Alta could follow a similar patient approach. He questioned whether investing in a temporary building solution would ultimately result in wasted funds over the long term, comparing the potential costs of acquiring and maintaining the new building to a more systematic, long-term plan that could meet the town's needs.

Tim Alley, a small business owner in Alta, asked if the town council had determined a number for what they would offer the diocese for the building during their closed meetings. Cameron Platt explained that details from closed meetings cannot be discussed, as it would make them no longer confidential. Tim Alley inquired when that information would be disclosed to the public, to which Cameron responded that it would be shared during an open, public meeting when the council decides to discuss and vote on it. John Byrne suggested that it was time for that disclosure. Tim Alley thanked them for the clarification.

Creighton Hart expressed that it seemed as though the town council had suddenly decided to compete with ACE after the organization presented its vision for the building in February. Elise Morgan responded, clarifying that the council had only learned about the building's potential sale in February when Sara brought it to their attention. She expressed frustration, emphasizing that the council volunteers their time and is working hard to make responsible decisions. Elise acknowledged that the situation was difficult and that she had been accused unfairly, which made the process harder. Creighton Hart adjusted his statement, acknowledging that the town council had not known about the sale until Sara presented the information and that Sara's intent had been in good faith to help the town. He also noted that after that, other parties decided to get involved at different levels.

Julia Mulhern, a community member, expressed her hope that, regardless of the outcome with the building, the town council would prioritize supporting community efforts moving forward. She noted that many in the community, including herself, don't often have the chance to interact with the council. Mulhern shared a personal wish to see improvements in local amenities, such as a volleyball court and a pit toilet for summer use, as well as more third-party spaces. She called for greater transparency and collaboration with the community, emphasizing that the town should work together in a spirit of mutual support. Mulhern also expressed her preference for ACE to use the building, as she believed it would allow the town to direct funds towards other initiatives that would further benefit the community.

John Byrne expressed his confidence in ACE's ability to properly manage the building, reassuring that there would be no exclusion of people from events there. However, he voiced concerns about using the town's limited funds to purchase the building, calling it an inappropriate use of resources. He referenced the FFKR report, noting significant issues in the town's infrastructure, such as life safety concerns and the need for renovations at Alta Central, which he argued would require more funds than the purchase of the OLS building. Byrne proposed that the town should focus on essential services like the marshal's office, trash removal, and addressing safety recommendations, rather than using funds to buy and control the community center. He advocated for supporting ACE's purchase of the building, emphasizing that the right choice was to let ACE thrive and continue its role as the community anchor. Byrne concluded by stating his intention to vote no on the purchase of the building.

Dan Schilling shared a range of thoughts on various topics, expressing his passion and perspectives on the ongoing discussions. He started by emphasizing the importance of the current meeting as a key opportunity to communicate, noting that there have been four public meetings so far where information has been shared. He acknowledged the emotional nature of the discussions and revealed his personal connection to mental health issues, as well as his admiration for Sara and ACE. Schilling shared his deep commitment to serving on the town council, explaining that his role was motivated by a desire to contribute to the community. He expressed gratitude for the efforts of town staff and members of ACE, recognizing the challenges involved and the importance of cooperation for the benefit of the community. He also highlighted that much of what has been presented publicly thus far has been one-sided, and shared that opposing views have been brought to him privately from people who felt intimidated to speak out. He wanted to ensure the other side was understood. He then addressed the decision made by the church to select the town's letter of intent over ACE's, emphasizing that this was their decision, and that people had been threatening and accusing the church unfairly. Schilling reiterated that the Town shared their reasons for being in favor of purchasing OLS via a report that had been shared publicly and transparently. He also clarified that the Town of Alta submitted only one Letter of Intent regarding the OLS property and did not take further action that would have influenced ACE to increase its offer. Schilling offered that any changes made by ACE were not prompted by the Town, noting that the process was conducted in closed session and the Town was not responsible for any escalation in price.

Schilling also discussed the responsibility of the town to support the community, highlighting public service, utilities, and safety as primary concerns. He stressed the importance of planning for the future and preparing infrastructure and services for the growing population. Schilling acknowledged that some questions and concerns were raised regarding the condition of the building and future needs, such as restrooms for backcountry skiers. He strongly advocated for the building to be maintained as part of the town's responsibility to provide essential services, including restroom facilities, and rejected the idea of pit toilets.

John Byrne asked Dan Schilling how he valued spending money on the building versus other priorities like the Alta Marshals Office (AMO) and Alta Central, given the limited funds. Dan Schilling argued the decision wasn't binary, emphasizing his strong support for the AMO. He explained that acquiring the building at a low cost was a good opportunity, as the land could likely be obtained cheaply from the government. Byrne pointed out the limited budget. Byrne questioned how to prioritize spending

between the building, the Alta Marshals Office (AMO), and Alta Central, stressing the need for careful financial decisions. Schilling argued it wasn't a binary choice and emphasized his strong support for the AMO. Schilling suggested acquiring the building at a low cost could be a good opportunity for the town. Byrne, however, voiced concerns about limited funds and the lack of detailed financial analysis. Schilling responded that the town was in a better financial position than expected and that decisions were being compressed by timelines.

The group discussed options like a 30-year master lease, where the town would own the building but lease it to ACE for a long term upon ACE repaying the Town for the purchase price. This idea aimed to meet both the town's financial needs and ACE's desire to manage the building. Councilmembers expressed openness to investigating this compromise further. Concerns about upkeep and capital improvements were noted. Byrne suggested the town could charge a minimal rent after ACE reimburses the purchase cost, but Schilling emphasized the town's responsibility for building maintenance. The conversation ended with a call for further analysis before proceeding.

Connie Marshall shared that she would have to turn off utilities by June 30, and that she could not make reservations past May 31 due to direction from the diocese. She mentioned an acting lease agreement with ACE that runs until June 30, and that she currently has no income coming in since she can't allow for reservations.

Mayor Bourke thanked everyone and emphasized that while there may be differing opinions, it was clear that everyone supports ACE and Sara.

3. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOTION: Mayor Bourke motioned to adjourn, and Dan Schilling seconded.

VOTE: All in favor. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

RESULT: APPROVED

Passed this 14th day of May, 2025


Jen Clancy, Town Clerk