

Building Committee Mtg Notes
March 30,2015
Patricia's Pitman's Office

Present: Ron Briggs (Chair), Barbara Eastman, Maryann Eastman, Bill Perry, Patsy Jordan, Richard Mardigian

Guest: Bill Briggs

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Ron Briggs – Chair

Richard Mardigian- new member

Patsy Jordan – undecided.

B. Perry suggested that we as a committee develop a plan and stick with it going forward.
Ron gave Mardigian a binder with all papers, meeting notes, and info to bring him up to speed.

January notes were approved as read.

Urgency of getting building handled:

- Wayne Ingfinger (selectman) contacted Tom Riley (State Fire Inspector for Carroll County) and gave him the results of Town Meeting (held on March 10,2015) We MUST file a plan of Action with him.
- Selectmen's Proposal: to write a “Letter of Hardship” to submit to T. Riley. In the meantime, no one can use the Town Hall building at all until the January 2016 Primary and then again for Town Meeting in March 2016. This will give us time to get the plan in motion, giving us a year.
- During 2016 Town Meeting we should have the SVFA standing by, to comply with fire safety regulations.
- The Town may decide to declare the building and site a Historical Building..we will look into that further. May be an option (NH preservation Alliance).
- We need to talk to Jeff Blake with regards to roof and sills repairs and minimal lifting of the building. When the snow is gone in the Spring, Blake will look into it. Plan to leave it on the original granite. It is possible that Bill Briggs could do excavation to create a swale for drainage.

Reminder: we cannot vote outside of the Town Boundaries.

Insurance company will need information as well.

We need to know: what is most urgent to fix and the estimated costs for same to bring it to code. (Quint 250K as is now).

Could we hold the next Public Meeting outside where we have the Town Picnic?

Discussion of the importance of communication: use facebook Town Page, posting on Town Hall board, South Chatham Dam, and Library, town's website, newspapers

Could we borrow the blueprints from the Town of Stow? Their building plan might suit our needs with

some slight modifications inside with regards to the floor plan.

We would like to send out another mailer using the Voter list (contact Jeanne Eastman for a print out of such) with pictures of our plans and the costs for each plan.

It is possible to put the building North of the Center Chatham cemetery on the level, flat area there, and we could use the timer sales from that land to defray the costs of the building in part.

Public Water Supply: must have 25 or more people using the building for at least 60 days out of the year. We can have a private well.

The selectmen have purchased two large safes for records storage, we just need a building to put them in.

Proposed Time Line:

June 2015: Public Meeting with firm proposals, blueprints and site,

Sept 2015: Public Meeting (...?...)

December 2015: Public Meeting (...? ...)

Bill Briggs will write up the estimated costs fo the site work needed.

Maryann Eastman will look into the historical preservation of the building

Bill Perry will talk to the town of Stow with regards to borrowing their building plans

Note: we will need to list the RSA's for each piece of information required.

Selectmen will mail a letter to townspeople telling them what is going on. "Why" the urgency explanation.

Note: we might consider a 30 minute meeting prior to Town Meeting (Jan 2016) to present the warrant articles and answer questions.

If the Townspeople vote down a new building in 2016, we MUST bring the existing Town Hall up to code, regardless of what the people want to do, regardless of cost. At that point we will be out of other options.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm, next meeting April 27,2015 7 pm at Patricia Pitman's office

respectfully submitted by

Maryann Eastman.

Please let me know if there are any omissions, errors or corrections at the next meeting, Thank you.