

## Chatham Building Committee Meeting April 28,2014

Present: Maryann Eastman, Barbara Eastman, Susan Logan, Ron Briggs, William Perry  
Special Guest: Maureen Westrick, architect

Wayne Infinger has decided to step down from the committee as he has other obligations that conflict, and he feels that as a Selectman, there should only be one represented on the Committee. We agree that his reasons are valid, and decided not to try to replace him as we already have 5 members.

Bill Perry (Selectman also) will remain on the committee but wishes to have someone else to chair, Ron Briggs accepted the challenge/position.

Maureen Westrick spoke about sustainability maintenance, meaning that while it may cost a little more in the beginning to build the structure, by making it as sustainable for the future as possible, it will reduce the maintenance costs over all (heating, cooling, utilities). In terms of a long-use building (one being built for use for several decades) the most costly part of the building is the money spent on maintaining it. She also spoke about there being Federal money available as incentives for building "green" . Utilizing geothermal heating and cooling saves a great deal of maintenance costs, as well as using passive solar power. She also quoted a fee of \$195 per hour to create the plan.

We need to make a list of what we think we need:

- to be used as a community building -receptions, public suppers, fundraisers, town meetings, etc
- as a community shelter in times of natural disasters
- town offices- Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, etc
- meeting place for town organizations – Planning Board, Selectmen, etc
- a fire proof vault for town records

Also to consider other site needs:

- parking
- handicapped accessibility
- kitchen
- bathrooms
- septic system
- well
- expandability for growth of town and its meeting needs (food pantry, senior center, day care, etc.)
- on-site generator

We also discussed the need to come up with a site plan. To that effect, Westrick and Briggs will walk the 3 possible sites during the next month and have something to report to the committee at the next meeting at end of May. The three sites being:1) behind the current Library being 3 acres or so, 2) the site of the Old Parsonage being 2 acres or so, and 3) the parcel north of the cemetery being 50 acres or so.

After reviewing the site plans, we will set up a series of Public Meetings to inform the Townspeople of the viable ideas. The long term goal is to have this voted upon at the March 2015 Town Meeting. Bill Perry will look into the bond issue and will have some figures to present at these Public Meetings.

Next Meeting is at Book Warehouse at 6ish pm on Tuesday May27th, 2014 (this is the day after Memorial Day).

Respectfully submitted by Maryann Eastman

If there are any changes, corrections or omissions please let me know. Thank you.