

Chatham Building Committee Meeting Notes
December 29th, 2014 7 pm, Library

Present: Ron Briggs, Bill Perry, Susan Logan, Barbara Eastman, Maryann Eastman
Absent: Lisa Lewis

Guests: Bill Briggs, Ellie Eastman

Discussion of creating a timeline to share with the Townspeople, showing what we learned and when.

Minutes of last meeting accepted as read. Motion by Ron Briggs, Seconded by Susan Logan. Motion Passed.

We have received back the proposals for the work needed on the Town Hall from both Quint and Cormack. Quint comes in at \$235K to \$239K (depending on what might be needed once they get into the sills). Cormack comes in at \$249K. Ron will email the actual proposal list of work to the members from Quint. Bill will email the same from Cormack to members. Based on these numbers, it is estimated that this will affect the tax rate at about 30 cents per thousand...or think of it as the cost of 3 kids in school.

Safe Information (spearheaded by Wayne Infinger) Portland Safe Company : to buy a safe that will keep paper at less than 125 degrees for one hour...cost is from \$15K to \$16K. This is a safe that is 77X47X37 and weighs approx. 2100 lbs. The representative mentioned that they have 2 used safes in near -perfect condition for \$3K each. Bill will see if they will accept payment on the safe (or safes, depending on what the Selectman decide) and hold them for us until our building is ready. They will also install the safes in the building. There may or may not be a fee for installation.

Bill or Ron will contact DRA to get information on the necessary language for the warrant article to be written. And to find out if we need a 2/3 vote or majority on same. (Having some difficulty getting a response due to the holidays .) We also need to know what the options are incase the warrant article is voted down. Will the State shut us down for business? How much time do we have to fix this? Where can we meet, hold meetings, do town business? We do know that if we pass this warrant article, we must do the construction project within that year (2015)

Board members are welcome to attend the Selectman's meeting on Tuesday January 6 at 7 pm at Trish's house to present the figures for the building project. Ron Briggs will attend.

Discussion: what about moving the Town Hall to the Library lot? Benefits are a smooth lot to park on, no hill, well could be dug to provide both Town Hall and library. Room for an addition.

Objections: Cost will probably be more to move the whole thing. Will make the lot look crowded, not aesthetically pleasing.

Suggestion: if going to move the building, why not move it to the parsonage lot...same benefits apply, flat ground, plenty of parking, one well for building, plenty of room for expansion. More aesthetically pleasing visually.

As a result of this discussion, Ron will talk to the prospective builders and get a quote from them for moving the building, as an informational piece.

Letter: A letter from Bonnie Arbogast was left for Bill Perry to share with the committee, stating that moving the Town Hall is, in her opinion, a good idea. Mistakenly, she assumed in the letter that the Library has a working well...it does not. She also included a fact sheet on a composting toilet, suggesting that neither building would need a well for rest room facilities. Point of fact, if we have a public meeting place, we do need handicapped accessible toilets, and a way to wash hands after using such. (part of the RSA's regarding ADA requirements.) Thoughtful and creative ideas.

Next committee meeting is January 19th at 7 pm, Library.

Next Public Discussion Meeting is January 26th at the Town hall at 7 pm. Can we get Frank Eastman to go down there earlier in the day to start the fire to warm up the building?

Bill Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Briggs. Motion carried.

If there are any corrections or omissions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted by

Maryann Eastman, scribe