

The Town of Addison Selectboard Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Addison Community Center located at 121 VT RTE 17 W, Addison, VT.

Present: Jeff Kauffman, Peter Briggs, Steve Torrey Roger Waterman(late) and Rob Hunt (late). Also present: Cheri L. Waterman, Starr Phillips, Alma Briggs, Elizabeth Armstrong, Laz Scangas, Architect, Susan Tribou, John Spencer, Lea Cassidy, Bettie Cassidy, Billie Jo Forgues, Michael Hollis, Joyce Briggs, Annie & Keith Craig, Peter Macfarlane, Eliza Spencer, Levi & Jennifer Barrett, Jill Bourgeois, James Larrow, Kay Smits, Scott Grant, Jennifer Morin, Alden Harwood, Matt & Pam Gevry, Steve Kayhart, Samantha Kachmar, Michael Kachmar, Michael Wojciechowski and Anne Delgadillo.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chair, Jeff Kauffman.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Steve Torrey to add these additions to the agenda: Countryside Alarms and Town Hall Committee report. (3) in favor (2) absent

Review of Citizen Petition regarding Town Clerk's Office and Town Hall:

The Architect, Laz Scangas, presented and explained the plans for the Town Hall renovations for the Town Hall. He was very informative and explicit with the details for each floor, doors removed or being added, window changes or additions, stairs and their usage and accessibility for accommodating the space & usage in a certain area, explaining where changes are being made and why, what is being left as is and why for accessibility to enter or exit a certain area, (2) bathrooms being removed, stairs being removed, a new foundation being put in, replace all the siding and removing grills from the second floor, to have (2) exits out of the building, installing an elevator for handicap accessibility, the second floor is staying as pure as it is, the stairs will be checked from every level and angle to be sure it all works compatible with all codes being met, making (3) meeting rooms & storage space, looking at some other options with the addition & usage, may add some windows but smaller in size and looking at doors.

Going down (3) feet elevation for new foundation and will need to replace the asphalt and paving around the building. Will use rocks around the bottom of the foundation.

It was a very informative presentation of the plans for the Town Hall renovations. The town's people had a beneficial question and answer time with the Architect getting better informed.

Some of the questions asked were: How helpful/beneficial are heat pumps for usage---How is it spread over the building.

How or what is the heat pumps usage with the baseboard electric boiler?

Will there be a backup generator (in case of no power).

Where or how will the heat pumps be located---Maybe the South wall?

Fire alarms---Where will /how will they be integrated and what is their noise level?

Costa are needed and a Variance change from the North wall to the South wall.

Jeff Kauffman, Chair, read the review of citizen petition letter for a discussion on the (2) articles to be considered for a revote or SB needs to decide what the option is?

Town's people questioning why the school isn't being considered as a place to put the T.C.O. at the Community Center and was suggested weighing out all the options before doing anything. Peter Briggs, who is on the Town Hall Committee gave an update on. Fire Marshal's report and Fire Sprinklers. Do they cause damage and is there insurance coverage for these items? Peter continued with comparisons between the school and town hall. There will be some added expense to fix walls & add vaults and what is required. Need to study & research what the best options would be. That's why the town's people are getting so upset with the outcome of asking for more money to be spent.

Peter Briggs read a letter from Michelle Bishop who is planning to open a preschool for 25 students and (1) staff besides herself this fall if granted approval. There is no problem with her being able to be licensed for preschool. May need to put in a separate entrance so the children aren't in the hallway.

Peter Briggs showed (3) different plans for the entering process for the Town Clerk's Office, Preschool and the public. May need to put in more windows.

Have more issues/options to look into before anything is presented---Need to be sure Town Clerk, Assistant & preschool children are safe & not put at risk.

Elizabeth Armstrong presented her concerns---over money needed, not working together on these projects and the lack of respect and civil behavior.

Cheri, Town Clerk, expressed her concerns that Peter can't be objective when discussing the issues with the Town Hall & Community Center.

Polling place---what becomes of the children---can't have anyone showing up and yielding a knife or guns on those days. As a municipality the guidelines are different and need to be followed. She expressed that we need to respect each other, work together and come to the meetings, be informed and considerate with an attitude change but come to the meetings & be informed.

Zoning Administrator, Michael Wojciechowski inquired as how much will it cost to service the elevator.

Town Hall---John Spencer

John gave update on the Town Hall and move on---stop blaming. Need to get a new estimate before making any decisions.

Zoning Administrator, Mike Wojciechowski, has questions & concerns about the Town's growth & what is expected. John explained that the architect's fees are figured in the bond vote.

It was suggested/encouraged that the Town Attorney be consulted to find out if the petition is legal, can we have a revote or is the SB capable of making the decision on the (2) articles on the petition.

It was suggested to set up a new committee to research and study the options to move ahead for the Addison Community Center for its use before moving on.

Steve Torrey thanked everyone for coming out and giving their input and interest to find out what they feel about the options since we seem to be going in (3) different directions.

Questions asked: How can we bring down the costs and follow each project to the finish.

In a motion made by Rob Hunt, seconded by Roger Waterman to consult with our attorney for his input on the citizen petition for its legality before being able to move on. (5) in favor

"The SB needs to decide where to put the Town Clerk's Office. The preference is in the Town Hall which had never been discussed or decided.

Cheri apologized for her behavior and expressed her concerns. She would prefer the Town Hall.

The July SB meeting has been changed from July 02,2024 to Tuesday 09,2024 at 7:00PM.at A.C.C.

We need to set up an emergency list for Countryside Alarms as contacts if/when the alarm goes off: They are Cheri Waterman, Peter Briggs and Roger Waterman.

Alden Harwood ----asked if they could go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter that could put the town in a difficult position.

The motion was made by Rob Hunt, seconded by Steve Torrey for Executive Session. (5) in favor

The motion was made and seconded to include the Zoning Administrator Mike Wojciechowski. (5) in favor

The motion was made & seconded to come out of Executive session. (5) in favor

No Action Taken after coming out of Executive session.

Adjournment In a motion made by Peter Briggs, seconded by Rob Hunt to adjourn.
All in favor

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