7/8/2024 Addison Town Hall Building Comm. Minutes

Present: John Spencer, Levi Barrett, Bob Schatz, Chris Stackhouse, Cheri Waterman, Michael Hollis, Kieth Craig, and Alma Briggs.

The minutes from 6/6/24 were approved, 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. No Public comment was heard.

The petition under review by the Selectboard was discussed. Michael felt the Selectboard had not decided on it's and there was no expert design or estimate to validate or discredit the petition's arbitrary $400,000 price for moving the Town Offices into the ACC.

Bob Schatz reported the pre-application for the ADA grant is ready. He also stated we need a public meeting soon in August. He also said the grant through the ACEDC was ready for its pre-application. Bob will find out if we need Selectboard approval to submit the applications. He will also re-send the application via email to the committee for review and tell us the deadline.

Levi reported the Village Trust Initiative grant had been rejected at the pre-app, level. We are not a good fit for their program. This removes the pressure to form 501c3 for that grant, with specific supervision over the second floor of the Town Hall. The Selectboard should be notified.

John suggested the recently sent Ferrisburgh MOU was a simple example of what Addison could adapt for its 501c3. Mike was urged to re-activate the other members of his committee to get the 501c3 formed.

John suggested the Town Hall Open House be scheduled on the primary voting day, August 13th, from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Chris volunteered to set up plastic walls simulating the vault, bathroom, etc. He will also stake out the addition and block off the driveway with two large sawhorses. John will make sure the blockade is OK with the Church.

John will acquire the latest set of drawings from Laz. John will also ask the status of engineering drawings, and asbestos abatement. John will also update Laz on getting a Sprinkler company to test the water flow rate with Tri-town. Lastly, what's happening with the windows.

On the topic of open house refreshments, Levi suggested donuts and cider be solicited as donations, rather than deal with ice cream or pizza for such a long day. Volunteers will be asked to staff the open house.

Michael Hollis volunteered to do mailing R&D for a mass mailed invitation. Chris reminded the comm. We still have the $4,000. Mini grant funds that could be used. Cheri joined the meeting and explained there are two rural routes that cover Addison, Panton, Ferrisburgh, and Vergennes. Michael will report to us at the next meeting, 7/18.

Cheri was thanked by all for her statements at the last Selectboard meeting. She mentioned she had recently had an irate property owner cursing at the Office, and she was glad there were no Kids around to hear or witness it. She also said there have been 3 problematic First Amendment Rights people in Vt town offices so far.

John explained the upcoming 13% raise in state property taxes is putting many folks in a stressed position. He went on to explain some of the complexities of the tax system, outdated appraisals, etc. etc.

The next meeting was scheduled for 7/18/24 at 1:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by John, second by Bob, 5 yes, 0 no.

Public Comment: last set of minutes are not posted yet.

Chris Stackhouse - Clerk