7/18/24 - Addison Town Hall Building Comm. Minutes

Present: John Spencer, Levi Barrett, Chris Stackhouse, Bob Schatz, Cheri Waterman, Michael Hollis, Pat Torrey, Alma Briggs, Elizabeth Armstrong.

A motion to approve the minutes from 7/8/24 was made by Levi, second by Cheri, 4-yes, 1 absent, (Bob not there yet).

Public Comment: Elizabeth explained she had planted the small American flags around the Town Hall for the 4th of July. She hoped small battery candles could be placed in the windows for special occasions.

Michael Hollis updated us on his R&D with the Post Office, regarding the "direct mailing" of 1045 TH open house invitations. The mailing cost would be $231.99. The printing costs are estimated to be around $600., for a 9"x11", double sided, color sheet. Chris suggested the $4K mini grant could be used to fund the mailing. Cheri said she had good experiences with 802 Printing in Vergennes.

Regarding what to include on the invitation: Michael asked the committee "Why are we having this open house", to solicit a theme.

Levi Suggested the mailing have bullet points listing the committee's accomplishments since the last open house. He hoped that the mailing could inform the public, even if they didn't come to the open house.

Elizabeth thought the committee members should be posted for the public. We need volunteers to get refreshments together. Chris said he'd ask Ed Keagle to revise his excellent 3D model, to reflect the revised addition, and final design.

Joun volunteered to update his previous work that listed major steps in the 15-year historic evolution of the TH Renovation efforts. It would list in chronological order the actions and votes, (with costs), that the Selectboard and Town has approved to date.

Chris suggested it also list next steps and timelines, as much as we're able. Examples like the 106 Review (with explanation about "renovation"), bidding, etc. Also listing State and Federal grants we have and have applied for. Explain we are already on the Vermont Registry for historic places, and in 2023 were added to the National List of Historic Places, (with strings attached).

It was hoped the Addison 5013c would be formed enough to include it as a recently formed entity.

We need volunteers to round up refreshments. Chris (with a little help from Levi?) will install poly walls to simulate the size and location of the vault, kitchenette, bathroom and stake out the addition.

Levi will send Bob a link to his menu of grants, and then send Chris an edited list for drafting pieces of the invitation. We should include info about how long the Town Plan has targeted the town Hall for renovation.

Michael thought folks should know that grants usually require solid actions and investments be made prior to getting the money. Share the example of the recent $75K grant given the Town for Wastewater Bond relief.

Chris volunteered to write a rough draft of the flyer, to be shared with the committee, then turn it over to Michael Hollis for further editing.

Michael was encouraged to gather the members of the 5013c ASAP, then deal with its constitution later.

Final Public comment: Alma Briggs asked the latest estimate. John explained final engineering was just completed and the estimator is working on it now.

There was discussion about the sheetrock compound having asbestos, and the two paths to abatement. A private firm could do it soon for $26K. Whereas the BRELA Phase 2 path would hopefully do it for free but take 5 months. That risks the loss of the $75K Bruhn Grant for foundation work. Laz hopes to find out soon if the Bruhn Grant can be somehow extended one more time. Chris will contact ACRPC to confirm BRELLA will cover the costs. John will also revisit the asbestos /BRELLA issue with Laz.

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:26, by Chris, second by Levi, 5 Yes, 0 no.

Chris Stackhouse – Clerk

Clerk's NOTE to THBC:

We did not target a date to mail the flyer. Working backwards:

Mail flyer !, printing of flyer and delivery to PO?, Michael do final editing, hand off to 802, Michael/Comm. approve Michaels draft ?, Chris email his ROUGH draft to THBC PRIOR to next meeting, 7/25.