8/22/24 - Addison Town Hall Building Comm. Minutes

Present: John Spencer, Levi Barrett, Chris Stackhouse, Michael Hollis, and Alma Briggs.

John opened the meeting at 3:03, John added discussion of the new estimate to the agenda. Levi wished to add proper recognition and gratitude for Adam Thoman's loan of his telehandler, used to remove the unsafe fire escape from the Town Hall. We also thank Roger Waterman for operating said machine, cutting steel, and transporting it to the Kennet farm for recycling. This is one less cost for the contractor to guess at.

The minutes from 8/8/24 were moved for approval by Levi, seconded by Chris, 3 yes, 2 absent.

Public comment: Alma requested the estimate be discussed first so she could leave for another purpose.

As the committee has questions about the estimate, it was felt it best to invite Laz for a Q&A session, if possible.

We assume we need to wait for an approved 106 Review to request bids. We wondered exactly how Laz advertises the RFP to the contractors. Vt Business? A website? Papers?

We are curious if Laz knows anything about the timeline, next steps? We will of course be eager to begin work on the old DEMO LIST, asap. We also wish to seek any other opportunities like reglazing the 5 east façade windows, restoration of the existing thick windowsills.

Chris will work with Laz to prepare a prioritized list of "allowed demo", and which ones can happen when.

John will ask John Ashley about a septic permit process and cost and seek a water connection permit from Tri-Town, and its cost.

Alma asked if the "parking lot" is in the budget. Levi responded not the eventual paved and painted lot with curbs and sidewalks, but a simple gravel lot could be done by the Town Road Crew, or at least create a gravel connecting road to the existing paved parking, east of the current Town Office. Chris assumed any contractor would require that be done prior to or early in the process.

John said the current school bus parking area is overdue to be removed from Town property. Chris remembered a selectboard meeting where Jeff Laufman agreed to look into whether some agreement existed to allow continued bus parking by the School district despite the transfer of the land and easements to the Town.

Chris suggested the topic be brought up under Town Hall at the next SB meeting , 9/3/24.

Levi volunteered to do some proactive research and get the info to the selectboard prior to the meeting.

Chris was asked to check in with Bob Schatz, as to his progress on the VCRD/ADA grant.

The committee felt the open house was successful in demonstrating the size of the addition, the need for the space and functions inside, clear ¼" scale drawings showing before and after, good conversations with curious voters, and a revised 3D model made by Ed Keagle.

The committee felt it would be good for the voters to be informed as to the significant losses to the Town if the bond is rescinded. John will post the new estimate on the town website, and post links on FPF. He will also write updated info to the interested visitors at the open house.

The next meeting was scheduled for 8/29/24 at the ACC. The time will be warned later, so John can ask Cheri what time works best for her.

Levi Moved to adjourn, seconded by John, 3 yes, 2 absent.

Chris Stackhouse - Clerk