Addison Town Hall Comm.- Minutes from -1/5/26

Present: John Spencer, Bob Schatz, Michael Hollis, Ed Keagle, and Chris Stackhouse. John opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Michael moved and Bob seconded the minutes from Nov. 25th, be approved, 5 yes, 0 no. We welcomed Ed Keagle to the committee as he filled Levi Barrett's seat.

Under public comment Elizabeth Armstrong hoped we could resume getting grants, encouraged us to speak more strongly for the Town Hall at selectboard meetings and to the public. She is working to get a historic marker for the Town Hall, with the support of the Addison Historical Society.

John passed out copies of his draft 2025 report from our committee, for the Town Annual Report. Ed suggested some revisions or additions, and John agreed to send the draft to Ed in Word for revision.

Committee members expressed frustration with the Selectboard not allowing us to spend Town Hall Reserve funds to have Laz Scangus, (architect) develop our three alternate plans with estimates. We feel that's the logical next step to offer voters options with real estimates. All three are less costly than the rescinded bond design, but provide a critical use, namely new Town Offices.

Kathy Kahill from New Haven shared her 2022 experiences with the moving and preservation of the New Haven Train Station. Her Selectboard was solidly behind the project, as was the Preservation Trust of Vermont. They have received several grants and donations through a new 501c3.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 2026, at 6:30, at the ACC.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:38

Chris Stackhouse- clerk