

Minutes of the Municipal Building Committee

Whately Town Hall, June 1, 2015 4pm

Present were Virginia Allis, Adelia Bardwell, Jonathan Edwards, Anita Husted, Judy Markland, and Fred Orloski. Also present were Mark Pruhenski, Dan Denehy, and John Wroblewski.

There was a discussion of the plans by HAI Architects and Jones Whitsett which were presented at the previous meeting. Judy had emailed her concerns about the WRMLS layout containing only one office and effectively six meeting/conference rooms including the break room. Her suggestion was to move the Planning Board and ZBA into one of the conference rooms so that the files would be handy for those groups when they met, and the Board of Health and Water Dept into another. This would mean that fewer offices need be built at this time along the south wall, leaving room for later expansion. It was decided to present the existing design in the mailing and the forum and to be very clear that it was highly preliminary and the specifics might change, but that the cost estimates were in the appropriate range.

On the town hall rehabilitation, the group discussed a need for a larger kitchen and it was agreed to ask J-W to make this modification to the plans. We also decided to ask for an estimate of the costs of remodeling the building enough to allow the Historical Society to move in as Phase 1 of the rehabilitation.

The group discussed the upcoming forum and the mailing to be sent to Whately voters. There was a discussion about whether it should include just information on the cost of town offices and SCEMS or whether rehab costs for town hall should be included as well. A decision was tabled until the meeting later in the week. Jonathan stressed that any mailing should be kept very simple, and that just one borrowing cost option should be presented. Mark agreed to get borrowing cost impact data for the WRMLS purchase for discussion by the Select Board on Tuesday. Judy agreed to write a draft mailing for discussion.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 4 at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Markland

documents discussed at the meeting and on file:

HAI Architects, Proposed Plan, _____; HAI Architects, Feasibility Study – Whatley Town Offices/SCEMS, Town Offices - Minimal – Open Offices, May 26, 2015; HAI Architects, Feasibility Study – Whatley Town Offices/SCEMS, Town Offices - Minimal – Closed Offices, May 26, 2015; HAI Architects, Feasibility Study – Whatley Town Offices/SCEMS, Town Offices - SCEMS, May 26, 2015; Jones Whitsett Architects, Whatley Town Hall Community Center (plan), Schemes A&B, 5-19-15; Jones Whitsett Architects, Whatley Town Hall Renovations (preliminary draft cost estimates), May 27, 2015