

MONKTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday April 26, 2017

- **CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM**
- **ATTENDANCE**
Roger Parker, Justin Parker, Eric Bown, Heather Bessette, Peter Norris, Ian Smiley, Stephen Pilcher, Peter Straube
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
None
- **ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:**
 - INTRODUCTIONS
 - ELECT OFFICERS
No Action Taken
 - SET REGULAR MEETING DAYS, TIMES, PLACE
No Action Taken
 - DESIGNATE POSTING LOCATIONS FOR AGENDA AND MINUTES
No Action Taken
 - COMMITTEE PROCEDURES
No Action Taken
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - REVIEW HISTORY OF PREVIOUS PROPOSALS
Members discussed the three previous proposals brought before the Town and rejected. With the exception of the first proposal there were no materials directly at hand and memories were inconsistent. S. Pilcher agreed to get more information for the committee on the previous proposals.
 - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
The committee decided to discuss individual member's ideas and vision for the work of the committee. This was meant as a way to introduce individual members and put ideas on the table. R. Parker spoke to determining the need for a new Town Hall and asked if it made sense to build a new library. He asked how active the library is and how to quantify its value to the Town. R. Parker noted that it made no sense to move Town Hall. J. Parker asked about the needs for a new Town Hall.

E. Bown said that a building had to fit the site and suggested that the site encouraged a walk out basement rather than a slab. E. Bown also asked about demand for use of the library and suggested investigating

combining with school library. E. Bown also suggested that any design be expandable but the focus should be Town Hall, Town Hall, Town Hall.

H. Bessette would like more info regarding the library, growth of the town and future storage needs. H. Bessette also suggested looking at ways to build in revenue potential for when the new building is not being used by the town and asked how to create more of a town center. Another suggestion was to use the old town hall as a community center.

P. Norris noted that his focus was on a new town hall with a dotted line plan for an extension. P. Norris said we need an answer on the old town hall and suggested looking at moving the current town hall. P. Norris recommended looking at New Haven library usage.

S. Pilcher noted that he liked parts of the last proposal put before the Town, in particular the shared space between the library and town hall that could be used as an informal meeting and reading space. S. Pilcher noted that a library is one of the things that defines a town and supported H. Bessette comment about creating a town center.

I. Smiley noted that he supported the concept of an improved library.

P. Straube said this is an interesting design problem and that the committee needs to design something that gets a 'yes' vote, that citizens need to get something out of the proposal and not everyone sees the issues with the current Town Hall. P. Straube suggested that the committee produce a specific set of functions first rather than focus on specific buildings. P. Straube noted that the view is a great resource and that the committee should work hard to develop a process of getting people involved in the project.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- NONE

- **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 24th 7:00 p.m.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35