

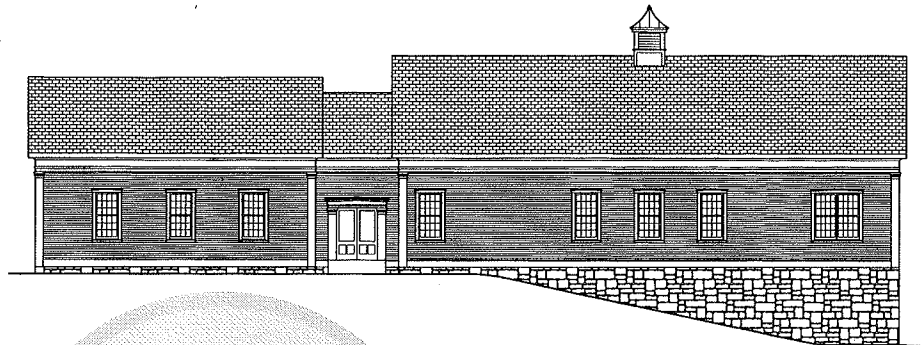
# TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

## Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Town Meeting Day

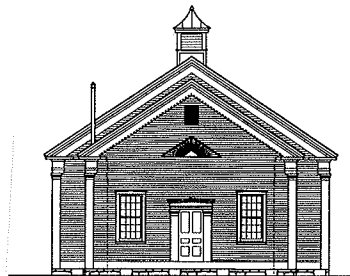
*Shall the town authorize the relocation of the existing Town Hall, and the renovation/construction of a new town hall and library; and borrow, by issuance of bonds, a sum not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to be financed over a period not in excess of twenty (20) years for payment of all expenses related to or associated with its construction.*

### The Plan

Move the existing Monkton Town Hall approximately 700 feet to the North (just south of the Monkton Friends Methodist Church). The existing Town Hall would be put on a new foundation with an addition and a full basement and would be kept open for Community Space/Meetings, etc. This space would flow West into the new Town Hall office spaces in the new addition. The lower level under the refurbished Town Hall building would be utilized for Mechanicals/Storage and again flow into a new Town Library that would be a walk-out to the Westerly views.



What about applying for Grants? Once the voters approve this project every effort will be made to apply for grants to ultimately reduce the cost to the taxpayer. We cannot apply until the above Bond is **PASSED!**



### Why Build A New Town Hall/Library?

Monkton's need for a larger municipal building dates back over a decade. Monkton had a population of 765 in 1970, is currently just under 2000 and has been noted (per the 2010 census) as one of the fastest growing communities in Addison County. This growth has increased pressure on the Town's infrastructure. Most significantly, Monkton has outgrown its 1859 Town Hall building and 600 square foot Library space; both fall short of meeting the Town's administrative, legislative and community needs. Additionally, the parking is inadequate and becoming a safety issue with the increased traffic flow along the ridge.

### The Potential Benefits:

- ❖ Re-invigorate/re-invent a spacious community Town Center (Town Offices, Library & Community Space all in one location/Town Green? Gazebo? Walking Path?) on ±5 acres of town-owned property with East & Westerly views
- ❖ New, energy efficient structure
- ❖ Up-to-date technology
- ❖ Improved work space for Town Office day to day functions, meetings
- ❖ Larger vault/storage space
- ❖ Larger Town Library space for ability to offer more book selections, playgroups for Parents and pre-schoolers, more story times, programming for adults, computer lessons, etc.
- ❖ Additional space for community needs
- ❖ Maintain the Historical Designation (originally granted in 1977) for the Town Hall...recognize the past and look toward the future.
- ❖ Room for parking/commuter lot
- ❖ Invest today in public infrastructure that will be appreciated by generations to come
- ❖ Loan rates are extremely low right now

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHAIR JOHN PHILLIPS 453-5011