

Monkton Municipal Building Committee Meeting – Minutes

March 28, 2018

Meeting is called to order at 710pm

Present: Stephen Pilcher, Deb Rickner, Peter Norris, Heather Bessette, Peter Straube, Eric Bown, Ian Smiley

The meeting began with discussion of the prior bond proposals.

The committee considered an agenda for the meeting:

- Review minutes
- Look at Eric's design proposals
- Assessment of survey results
- Community Forum.

Assessment of Survey Results

People don't mind if we sell the current town buildings. This survey tells us that voters would support construction of a new building. There was discussion of what we want to propose. Some committee members doubt the results of the survey, vis a vis support for town hall plus library and more.

There was discussion of community space usage, starting with the fire station as a venue. People value historic character of the village. The committee discussed the idea of spaces shared between town offices, library, and for community activity. Taking advantage of location, which is a beautiful place on the ridge.

Review of the minutes from 2/21/18

Stephen moved that the committee approve the minutes of 2/21/18.

Eric seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved 7-0.

Eric's design proposal

Eric gives his professional perspective as a builder, part of a project from the beginning. Technology has changed a lot in the last 10 years.

He shows us a possible floor plan, a presentation drawing, what we need for square footage.

What are the options to expand this building if need be? Eric says perhaps on the first level, near the planning office and town clerk's office.

The size of the community gathering/meeting space is very large.

The orientation of the community room was discussed, with respect to the location of the sun in the afternoon.

There were questions about having the building on two floors, especially about moving between them.

Next meeting will be on April 25th

Stephen made the motion to conclude meeting

Heather seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0.

Meeting finished at 835 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ian Smiley