

Monkton Municipal Building Committee Meeting - Minutes
Monkton Town Hall
July 10, 2017

Present: Heather Bessette, Eric Bown, Melanie Cote, Peter Norris, Justin Parker, Roger Parker, Stephen Pilcher, Bob Radler, Deb Rickner, Ian Smiley, Peter Straube.

Minutes from July were approved. Roger moved. Justin seconded.

The Town Hall was appraised at \$93,700 – when? By whom?

There was discussion about how the committee should move forward. What should the process be? What are our next steps?

Our timeline: Possibly a November 2018 vote.

Deb brought up that a **key question** was to know if residents prefer to build only a town hall, a town hall and a library, or a town hall, library and community space/room.

There was discussion about the pros and cons of sending out a survey. By the end of the meeting, it was decided **Peter S** would create a short survey to send out to residents. The survey would ask residents which of the options they prefer.

Some members believe it is important to give residents basic information about these building options, so people can make an informed decision. Other members felt it best to have the committee create a proposal and then ask the residents what they think.

Roger brought up the idea of a **Listening Meeting** so the committee could hear from residents. The town would be presented with basic information such as needs, benefits, possible costs, etc. Steve mentioned a way to structure this gathering so all voices could be heard. People could write their ideas, opinions, questions on post it notes and place them on the various building options which would be posted around the room. Small groups discussions?

The **committee members** will each come with information to present to the town at a Listening Meeting.

The possibility of selling the town hall and library was discussed. They share a septic system. The well was contaminated so the water is not potable. **Ian** will talk with a realtor about the possibility of selling these buildings.

Eric and Roger will check the grade at the site on the ridge.

Members can share any information they learn via email to building@monktonvt.com

Next meeting August 23 at 7 pm.