

## Minutes – October 3, 2019 – Municipal Building Committee

Present: Melanie, Pete N, Will, Chris, Jere, Peter S, Heather, Deb

Called to order at 7:07pm.

### Discussion of Community Outreach Meeting #1 on 9/26/19:

Pace of meeting was good. Food was a nice touch.

Chris and Leah did a great job presenting – very impressive. They pulled in audience members and listened. They heard the committee’s ideas about revisions and they made excellent revisions.

Everyone in the audience was heart and there were not side conversations.

Writing key ideas on the easel paper as people spoke is helpful for those.

If our goal was to get people engaged, then we did our job. It will always be a challenge to engage those who may well vote against the bond.

We had a good turnout of 75 people.

Pizza being late turned out to be a good thing as we could talk with residents.

Key concern: Bond vote with Mt Abe

### **At the Next Meeting:**

We need a library vision and capital campaign announcement presented.

We’ll need to know how much each building costs in each plan.

We will give an update on the well with the church.

We should have plans regarding what to do with the current buildings.

**How do we encourage** the people who are a tough sell on the process to come to the next meeting and how to we engage them during the process?

Look at the voter list and see who we can invite via phone, home visit.

Visit the fire department

Ask those we invite to invite others.

Jere – Compromise builds community. Have a continuum of needs and wants for our building.

### **Information for Chris and Leah:**

Programmatically – Keep the town hall, library and community space. Use the guiding design principles. Of special note, we heard “quality construction” as being important at the meeting. Take a look at what the library needs for programming based on Theresa’s presentation. Focus on ways to share spaces as a way to decrease the square footage. Look at ways to be able to use the community center even when the town hall and library are closed.

Environmental Aspects - It is very important strive for an energy efficient building, but net zero is not the goal. The building needs to be solar compatible.

Cost – We will stick with the \$1.2 – \$1.7 million.

Image and style – Traditional style in the front. Doesn't have to be traditional style in the back. Explore porches except to the North. Library does not necessarily have to be on the bottom floor. Community Space and Library could be on the top floor. Town Hall on the bottom means the vault can sit on the slab. Explore which program works best on which floor. Pros and cons. Lots of light.

Location of the building on the site: Set the building back from the road, but be able to see all of the building from the road. Shared parking lot with the church.

We would like to see 3 schematic designs including a 1 story and a 1 story with a walkout.

In the plans we'd like some ideas for outdoor use of spaces. Fee free to see ideas listed in summary.

Well information: Steve talked with Ralph Fitzgerald from the church. The well has never been certified for public use. Steve will check with Ralph about testing the well. Steve will share the emails from John Kelleher with Ralph as a starting point.

**Next meeting, Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** – We'll meet at Steve's house at 126 Covered Bridge Road. There's a silo attached to the house.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Cote