

Minutes - November 25, 2019 - Municipal Building Committee

Present: Melanie, Pete N, Peter S, Will, Chris, Leah (remotely), Deb, Stephen

Called to order at 7:05.

BA will talk with Sharon and Library staff for feedback regarding design.

Discussed feedback from residents at Outreach Meeting #2. Based on the feedback there will be less glass at the top of the community room and at the base of the library per Will's revisions. In terms of what residents mentioned regarding kitchenette: revise design to the kitchenette counter so it extends further and add plenty of outlets for hot plates or crock pots, wider kitchen counter, full sized refrigerator. Kitchenette accessible to all functions.

Chris - the design aims to balance cost conscious, inspirational, functional and a flexible use of spaces. Cross Gable design was preferred by residents at meeting and by the committee.

Discussion regarding function of community room - meeting space vs rental space

Concerns were voiced by a few committee members regarding the cost of all 3 spaces both in regards to affordability by residents and the chances of passing a bond vote. In response to this, Chris from BA will ask the cost estimator to break down the costs of a phase build approach.

Steve spoke with Fitzgeralds re: church well. The water does have a sulfur odor. The well has not failed a test. Testing on the well was sent in today. Per John Kelleher, would probably need a 25 foot buffer from parking to well. Pete N noted ANR should have reports showing that church well was not contaminated in the past.

Lengthy discussion regarding whether or not to include a deck / outdoor space. Some members of the committee felt an outdoor space was very important to expand the usable space and have a flow from the community room to the outside. Other committee members felt the cost of such a space that can only be used in warmer months was not worth the cost to build or maintain in addition to potentially increasing liability and costs to replace in 20-30 years. Designing such a space would impact the current design.

Tie vote as to whether or not to pursue designing an outdoor space. Steve asked BA to spend some time on the possibility, but not an enormous amount of time.

Next Steps: by Dec 12 the design goes to the cost estimator who will cost it out in and come back with a menu of options at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Cote