

2 Story Concept

Steep pitch to match local aesthetic and to be optimal for solar

Town clerk gets daytime light

Library on top - mold on bottom floor

Library upstairs

Sight lines are exciting

Hinesburg has town offices downstairs. What about library and community space upstairs?

2 story design allows for outside stairs following the grade that would multipurpose be designed for seating as well - amphitheater idea?

Lots more storage

Loving 2 story - fits with land

Long interior ramp - why not expand the building? - like how it takes up less space

Outside look is more traditional

Make lift open like in Bixby library in Vergennes (2 mentioned this)

Put lift and stairs next to one another so those who need the elevator feel included

Has less flow

Main hall should be oriented N/S on west side of building with a separate entrance - reconfigure town hall portions to front (east) of building. This allows community space to be removed from town hall.

Solar Comments

Match roof pitch to old buildings (9-12 pitch roof best for solar efficiency. 10-12 most historic.)

South facing roof - Steeper pitch 8' or 12' is ideal for solar - steeper sheds snow better.

Trusses that can handle solar in the roof - Wind blowing - uplift is the issue with solar

Conduit to walls for future solar (extra money to wire building)

Make sure it's solar ready - solar is fantastic - Solar panels on south facing roofs

Solar - cutting edge geothermal?

Green energy - passive solar windows

Take advantage of solar

1 Story Concept

Is more accessible

More inclusive for those in wheelchair

Better accessibility for everyone

More inclusive for wheelchair

I would prefer the one level concept. It will be more inclusive of those with mobility issues and foster more interactions between community members. We moved here in 2006 and found it very hard to meet other community members until we had children and they started school. This building would provide a space for a cross-generational community building which really only happens during the Strawberry Festival - once a year.

Exposure across different people in a shared building

Need more opportunities to interact

Promotes more town interaction

Has better flow

Has more of a “community” feeling

Accessibility of community interaction

Seems like a great flow.

Shared spaces

More bathrooms

No costs associated with elevator in 2 story design

Makes better use of view

Encourages multi-use in one visit (pay taxes and check out books)

Like 1 floor best but need ½ basement for mechanicals and potential overflow storage

Add partial basement for storage / mechanicals to one story plan

Not attractive - make it historic looking. “Agreed” by another person.

Operating costs may be more in single floor

Be careful of windows facing west because of afternoon overheat.

Misc Comments:

Must have library included

Library needs more programming space and more shelving

Mechanical systems need to be accessible

Need storage space for conference room chairs and tables

People come to church parking to watch sunset

Please sell the current town hall and library at the point a new library and/or town hall are happening. That would tell tax payers the town is interested in saving tax payers from paying for things we don't need or want.

Porch is inviting /welcoming

Add the historical society.

Give/use current town hall for/to Monkton historical society. Historical building. The vault for archives. "Yes!" from another person.

In general I will support most any plan that is deemed to meet the town needs and in which long term operating costs have been considered and planned for accordingly.

Keep costs low, utilize local contractors, community members.

We need another option besides 1 level and 2 level.

Comments re: Future:

Make structure so you can add on later

Let's design a building space that we can be proud of for years to come. Both in design and function as well as with materials and community involvement.

Partial basement for expansion of vault and for storage

Radiant floor heat - more expensive to construct, but cheaper utility bills - talk to Roger Wallace, engineer

Provide for expansion in years to come - leave room on the site plan

Don't skimp on size. Need room to grow.

Comments re: Shared Functions/Spaces:

Ability to host large (100 people) meetings in town

50 seats is not very much - 100 plus in case of an emergency

Make sure meeting space is LARGE enough and up to firecode.

49 seats may be too many

Don't skimp on conference space

Make bathrooms easily accessible in public areas

Kitchenette, bathrooms, lift common to both

Full kitchen accessible from conference room and library

Think long term with kitchen space should Monkton want to rent for private functions.

Need basic catering kitchen for small functions

Provide external power outlets for outdoor catering

Plan emergency exits

Meeting places for people without kids

Computers in main space

LEED certification grants

Comments re: Design

Design façade so it's not overwhelming to the street view and blends in with the historic buildings.

Find other town halls that maintain historic character and gather photos/examples for inspiration.

Love it to look like it belongs in town.

Preserve Monkton's historic / rural character. The design should match the local vernacular. Our existing town hall should be the inspiration for aesthetics and visual impact.

Design should be more New England, Federalist look.

Get architects to get a sense of the community.

Timber frame (post and beam) vs stick built

Timber frame costs more to build but is built to last

Keep design (in either one) traditional to be long lasting in terms of style

Keep open concepts - not closed off spaces whenever possible

Match the pitch of existing town hall and historical homes in town. Window style, architectural features and elements. Use existing town hall in design.

Utilize western facing exterior for patio and porches.

Porch looking westward

12/12 roof and spaced out windows - iconic steeper roof

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