

## Monkton Building Committee - Open House 12/8/18

### Statement of Need:

Our current Monkton town facilities leave much to be desired. Both the town offices and library have no source of potable water, lack safe and sufficient parking, and are energy inefficient.

The town office building no longer provides an acceptable working environment. There is no space for conducting private business, nor is there a flexible space where groups of community members can meet. There is barely any space left for storing town records as the vault is overflowing. There is no room to expand in the current building.

More space is needed in the Library to accommodate programming for both adults and children, to accommodate a growing collection of library materials, and to provide a comfortable space for patrons to work and read, and for staff to work.

### History:

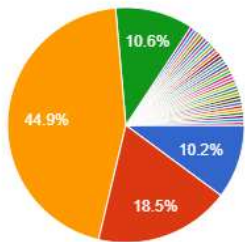
**2006 - Town Meeting:** Voters authorized the purchase of five acres on Monkton Ridge for \$92,000.

**2017 Town Meeting:** Voters authorized the creation of a Municipal Building Fund and funded it with \$40,000.

**2018 Town Meeting:** Voters authorized \$40,000 for the Municipal Building Fund.

**December 2017 - January 2018:** The building committee distributed a survey to gauge support and gather thoughts from the community. There were 219 surveys completed. The results of the survey are below.

### Survey Results



#### Without knowing all of the details yet, which would you be most likely to support?

10.2% (22 people): Build new town offices.

10.6% (23 people): Do not build any new buildings. Leave everything as it is.

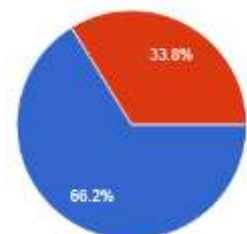
18.5% (40 people): Build town offices and a library.

44.9% (97 people): Build town offices, library and community meeting space  
“Other” individual responses.

#### Do you think the town should sell the current town office building and library to reduce annual costs and to help pay for construction of a new building?

33.8% (73 People): No, do not sell the current buildings.

66.2% (143 people): Yes, sell the current buildings to help pay for construction.



## **Survey Results**

### **For which of the following do you think Monkton residents would use a multi-purpose meeting space?**

Community Meetings & Groups – 157

Small family or Social Events – 109

Library & Historical Society Programming – 139

Lectures & Performances – 124

Fitness classes – 109

Arts & Crafts Studio Space – 90

## **Previous Proposals:**

**2010** - \$1.4 million - A building with an upper level containing town offices and a lower level containing a community multi-purpose room.

**2012** - \$1.5 million - Move the existing town hall to the new site. The existing town hall would be used as a community multi-purpose room. An addition would be built for new town offices on the upper level. The lower level would house a library which would be a walk-out.

**2013** - \$1.05 million - A town hall, common area and library would be built on one level.

## **Building Committee:**

**Comments can be sent to the committee until Tuesday the 11th.**

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