

Municipal Building Committee

May 24, 2017

Present: Stephen Pilcher, Eric Parker, Roger Parker, Melanie Cote, Ian Smiley, Heather Bessette, Peter Straube

A visit was made to the site owned by the town for a new building.

Roger made the motion to approve the minutes. Peter seconded the motion. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Question/clarification by M Cote: What's the charge of this committee?

-The select board's charge is that this committee look at the possibility of a new town hall, town center and/or library.

-This committee makes up front decisions on the cost, siting, what to do with current buildings, etc. to get a sense of what the town wants.

-Gather information to individuals in one on one conversations and to present to the town.

-This committee has a \$40,000 fund that was approved at Town Meeting.

The Process is important in order to hear what's important to as many residents as possible in order to pass a proposal. We need to know what residents will pass before we create a proposal.

Discussion re: VT gas money and if this could help offset the cost of a new building.

We will generate questions to ask residents in one on one conversations.

We will also have information to share with them so they can make an informed decision.

This ensures a consistent conversation from our side.

Part of this information could include the example, "if you live on x acres, then with this bond, you would pay \$x amount each year.

TO DO:

- 1.) Market appraisal to see what the town hall and library are worth if the town sold them.
Roger said he would check with Bill on this.
- 2.) Gather information re: how much it would cost to renovate the Town Hall.
- 3.) Clarify legal documents re: if the town no longer uses the building donated by the Russells, can the town legally sell the building?
- 4.) A needs assessment from those who work at the town hall and library.
Melanie will talk with the library at their July meeting.
- 5.) What's the square footage of the current town hall and library?