



Farley Building Committee Minutes April 7, 2021

The meeting was held via Zoom and in the Community Room starting at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Members present:

Doug Cleveland, Planning Board representative
Karla Vogel, Heritage Commission representative
Lynn Schur, Community Volunteer
Dr. Jeanne Smith-Cripps, Community Volunteer
Mike Leavitt, Budget Committee representative
Lori Radke, Town Administrator (non-voting)
Joan Cudworth, Director of Public Works (non-voting)
Kevin Anderson, Chairman-Community Volunteer
David Sullivan, Community Volunteer

Absent:

Michael Bates-Historic District representative
David Petry, Select Board representative

Discussion –

Kevin Anderson suggested we needed to get professions in to give us the committee some numbers. Many of Kevin's contacts are too busy to assist. Mike Leavitt said he spoke to the architect from Windy Hill who assisted the SAU in their design, and Mike said he would be willing to help the committee. Mike said he would contact him to see when he is available to meet with the committee.

Kevin was looking for a better understanding of the NH Preservation group. Karla said she is focusing on the building assessment tool. She said there is a list of people on their website we can contact. The consultants would assist us in writing and submitting grants. The NH preservation would be available to help with the grants.

David Sullivan said the Farley was nominated for the seven to save. He told the NH preservation could conduct a charette. The charette would work with the committee by giving us some ideas on the building, landscape, etc. Karla talked about the grant process. The first step is to schedule with the consultants for site visits. She said we met the third criteria, where we already applied for a grant. David said the building does not qualify for the National Registry. Karla said applicants know within eight weeks of applying. She said the committee already knows much of the information required on the application. David said the Heritage commission was unable to apply for the grants in 2011 as there was no money for the 50% match. It was then decided to mothball the building.

Kevin wanted to know the benefit of going the charette route or the architect route. Perhaps we can entertain both options. Karla said she would send the application out to the committee and begin the process. Kevin asked if we need to confirm matching funding before we submit the application. David said Alpine Environmental said the Farley was a great candidate for preservation and would not be an overwhelming project. Kevin asked if they can present costs? David said they would give us a cost estimate for the outside and inside preservation of the

building. Karla said this information would be helpful with the preservation grants. Kevin suggested a walkthrough with Alpine, and then they should meet with the committee. David told the committee that the back part of the building is one of the original schoolhouses from the 1840-50's. It was moved from the four corners to where it is now. He said it could be removed and placed someplace else on the property.

Doug asked if any of the proposed Infrastructure money from the federal government could be used for this project.

Karla asked if we should have numbers for each option. Kevins said, yes. I believe we need to have those numbers. The best way is to present all the facts and let the town decide. David Sullivan said we need to submit to the town that the building is worth saving as many see peeling paint and an old building. It will take a commitment from the committee, but it's our charge to present the facts that it's worth saving. Kevin said it's up to the professionals to give us that information. David said in the 2011 presentation; we showed the lot without the building. It looked like an empty parking lot. Lori asked about the quotes from 2011.

Karla asked when the committee should show the video that she and Jeanne have been putting tother. The footage was explaining the condition of the inside of the building. Kevin said it's invaluable to get that information on the website at the right time.

Lynn asked about the very comprehensive structural report that was conducted when the SAU still owned the building. She thought it was done in 2007, which was about the same time the school district turned it over to the town. Lynn said she would try and find more information on the structural study. Kevin reference a structural study conducted by Stefen engineering in 1991. Kevins said he would call them to get more information.

Kevins summarized. Karla is to reach out to the NH Preservation and to begin the application. Mike Leavitt is to speak to Windy Hill. David Sullivan is to talk to Alpine Environmental. Kevin will call Stefan Engineering for any structural plans.

There was some discussion around the SAU and the rent they pay and possibly renovating the Farley to house the SAU.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

The next meeting is (no meeting date was set).

Submitted by,

Lori Radke
Town Administrator