



Farley Building Committee Minutes July 8, 2021

Members present:

Kevin Anderson, Chairman-Community Volunteer
Karla Vogel, Heritage Commission representative
Lynn Schur, Community Volunteer
Mike Leavitt, Budget Committee representative
Michael Bates-Historic District representative
Doug Cleveland, Planning Board representative
Lori Radke, Town Administrator (non-voting)

Absent:

Dr. Jeanne Smith-Cripps, Community Volunteer
David Petry, Select Board representative
David Sullivan, Community Volunteer
Joan Cudworth, Director of Public Works (non-voting)

Discussion –

Karla listed the NH Preservation application items and asked the committee if they received the electronic copy of the application. The only thing left is to complete the CDC and include it in the application. There are 13 attachments. Kevin said he has been in contact with Nicole ? about moving forward with a feasibility reuse study which an architect and historian will be needed. The cost may be less than \$4,500. They recommend Katy Sutherland (KCS Architects) out of Keene, and May Williams can serve as the historian. Kevin is expecting they will come back with a list of uses that will fit the town.

Kevin said the historian would find the character-defining features within the building. He is hoping the information will help to support our recommendations to the Board.

Karla said the information in the two proposals from Windy Hill and Charter Bros. is more than what we wanted at this point. Kevin agreed. Kevin asked why a big difference in quotes. Mike L. said Charter Bros. is a bigger outfit and will go into more detail and support. The scope of their report is more than what we need. Windy Hill is less detailed. Mike asked if Katy Sutherland will be generating any cost to rebuild or reuse. Kevin believes the report will be more what the building can be used for and not include any costs.

Mike L. believes there needs to be a commitment from the Select Board for funding to move forward with the application.

Karla said we should apply then ask the Board for additional funds to match the grant.

Kevin said there are two separate costs. One for the matching grant and one for a consultant to come in and give hard cost.

Kevin said he is hoping the reuse study will answer any questions the Board may have regarding the reuse of the building. In addition, the information will help the Board decide whether to move forward to spend the larger cost to get the details needed to bring it to the town.

Lori suggested there should be a warrant article, much like the one for the DPW engineering study.

Lynn discussed the phasing in the process to rehab the building. Doug suggested a timeline to present to the Board and up to town meeting. Kevin said he would pull that together.

Mike B. asked Lori if there is pressure from the town/employees for more parking for the town hall. Lori said the employees park in the back, so no issue for employees. However, the people walking into TH need to park along the square and cross a very busy road to enter the building.

Kevin asked when the report is due. Lori suggested around the budget season, which typically starts in the fall.

Karla expressed a concern that being a 501c3 organization is one of the application checklist items. Mike L. explained that because we are a municipality, that's not an issue. -

The next meeting is on Thursday, July 22. Community Center.

Submitted by,
Lori Radke
Town Administrator