



## **Farley Building Committee Minutes February 26, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom starting at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, February 26, 2021

**Members present:**

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

**Absent:** David Petry, Select Board representative  
Kevin Anderson, Chairman-Community Volunteer  
Michael Bates-Historic District representative

**Discussion –**

Mike Leavitt presided over the meeting. The minutes, the Facility Space Needs Study and SAU floor plan was sent to all the members. Mike initially said the SAU needed 8,000 square feet—the plan said 7,440 square feet. Mike suggested we begin by looking at the Facility Space need study. The study indicated that Farley (1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) has about 3,000 square feet per floor. The third floor about 2,000 square feet. The TH was 4228 square feet, Community 2247 square feet, Upper TH 3866 square feet, and basement 3400 square feet. The SAU Building had 17 offices they need plus a conference room and storage area, which adds up to 7,400 square feet. The Clerks Office was shown as 385 square feet, the front room. The study said that TH employees would increase from 9 to 15 employees at build-out. Mike asked if the town expects the staff to grow any bigger. Lori Radke said the only area would possibly be the Planning Department. The report said TH would need about 6,500 square feet. Lynn asked if the projected build-out figures are actual. Mike Leavitt said it's pretty close to what has been projected. Lori Radke said the population, once the census is complete, maybe around 8,000 people. Doug Cleveland said the projected population might be lower than what is projected.

Mike Leavitt said we could easily fit Th offices in the Farley Building. The SAU could also fit in the Farley Building. David Sullivan suggested the Clerk should also be moved to Farley. Mike Leavitt said if the Clerk does move over—there may not be room for SAU. Lynn Shure asked why the SAU did not have to put in an elevator in the proposed barn renovations? Mike said there would only be offices in the upper part of the barn. Lynn suggested a community room on the first floor and offices on the second, therefore not needing an elevator. Lori Radke suggested looking at ways for possible revenue. Her suggestion is to put TH Offices on the first floor, TH Offices and Community Room on the second floor, and rent out the third floor as office space. Mike suggested we conduct a survey.

Karla Vogel suggested if the town knew how well preserved the building is, they may be more inclined to support its use. The survey would help develop a YOUTUBE video to point out the features as a selling point. Maybe the webmaster can designate some space on the web to post pictures to keep the community informed. Jeanne suggested adding the detail like the tin roof and the woodwork. Putting in the elevator is essential in order to

open the third floor. The Farley would be a wonderful space for the public. Artwork could be added throughout the building.

Joan suggested having an open house or two before the town meeting. Karla suggested having Jeanne talk about the art room. Maybe former students can talk about the building. David Sullivan suggested the building get cleaned out before the open house. Joan suggested the school would need to take their stuff out of the building. Lori Radke said they are storing desks to open classes because of COVID-19. David Sullivan said a lot of stuff has been in there for years. Lynn asked if anyone has had a chance to speak to the SAU. Lori Radke reminded the committee that we should have a use in mind before contacting the SAU. Doug mentioned the SAU would be more than interested in the Farley Building.

Lynn asked how many TH structural issues from the study have been addressed. Lori Radke said the majority of those structural issues had been addressed.

Mike Leavitt suggested we work on getting a video made. Karla said she would work on something using still photos and music. The video would focus on history and future possibilities. Jeanne said she would like to assist. Lynn asked why so much space is needed for storage now that items can be stored electronically. Lori said all TH permits and survey plans had been scanned. At some point, the paper files will be discarded. Mike asked what files need to be kept. Lori said the minutes and some finance files. Mike said the SAU needs to keep the student files. Joan suggests not storing anything in TH because of the rodents.

David Sullivan asked if it makes sense to contact Alpine environment to remove the lead paint inside and outside. David will contact him.

Lori Radke said she would contact Kevin to set the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

No meeting date has been set  
Submitted by,

Lori Radke  
Town Administrator