

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
TOWN HALL RELOCATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, April 16, 2024, at Wilmington Town Hall
MINUTES

Attendance: John Gannon via Zoom, Christine Richter, Leonard Chapman, Bonnie Lorimer, Alice Greenspan, Sheila Osler, Sarah Fisher, Jessica Roberts, Therese Lounsbury

Visitors: Scott Tucker, Marshall Dix

Called to order at 5:00pm by Sarah Fisher.

Changes to the agenda: None

Motion made by Sheila Osler to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024. Seconded by Christine Richter.

Motion carried.

Committee Members Shared Their Top 3 Properties from the Survey Results:

Member	Choice	Property	Reasons
Lenny	#1	OSEC	Plenty of second floor spaces, 30 cars parked parallel to the road, could change direction of parking if retaining wall is property line, more parking if Floral Hall moved
Christine	#1	20 Mill St	Can include Shafter Park, could also do recreation, within walking distance, near downtown, easy access.
Christine	#2	211 VT Rte 9 West	Large amount of space, connected to highway garage.
Christine	#3	OSEC	Not as tenant, but town owned and maintained, but where for vault, perhaps first floor, not interested in being on multiple floors, re-configure parking.
Alice	#1	Current Building	Helps to see activity in downtown.
Alice	#2	211 VT Rte 9 West	Walkable, drivable, parking.
Sheila	#1	OSEC	Next to Historical District, accessible, recreation, campus completion with fire/police, parking can be re-configured, plenty of room for offices, elevator exists for three stories, needs new roof and siding, change walkway cover.
Sheila	#2	Current Building	Extend gable, shed dormer would complete the third floor, has elevator, waterproof mechanical room (did this in Old Red Mill), reduce corridors, first floor could be meeting room, could rebound in a couple days from flooding.
Bonnie	#1	OSEC	Remove Floral Hall, next to everything, walkable, hate to see vacant downtown.
Bonnie	#2	Current Building	
Sarah	#1	OSEC	Circulate the drive/parking around the building.
Sarah	#2	211 VT Rte 9 West	
Sarah	#3	Flea Market	
Jessica	#1	Flea Market	
	#2	OSEC	
Jessica	#3	265 VT Rte 100 N	This desires a look.
Therese	#1	20 Mill St	Near downtown, MOOver, opens Shafter Park, water/sewer, more can be developed there.
Therese	#2	53 East Main St	Visible, walkable, solar, recreation.
Therese	#3	Flea Market	
John	#1	Flea Market	Clean slate, sufficient size, water/sewer coming, parking, visible, but not walkable.
John	#2	211 VT Rte 9 West	Sufficient size, parking, visible, no flood issues, not downtown, cannot walk to it.

John	#3	20 Mill St	Water/sewer, walkable, blank slate, not as visible.

Property Totals:

Property	# Times in Top 3
OSEC	5 (4 as #1)
Flea Market	4 (2 as #1)
20 Mill St	3 (2 as #1)
211 VT Rte 9 West	4 (4 as #2)
53 East Main St	1 (1 as #2)
265 VT Rte 100 North	1 (1 as #3)
Current	3

Other Discussion: Christine shared that the offices were moved for a year after Tropical Storm Irene flooding, when this building floods again – everyone must leave – no power, heat, elevator, as all located in basement or ground level. John concurred that if OSEC were the choice that owning the space would be preferred. OSEC – demolish old section? Town Offices are critical to be in business during emergency time for the community. Can continue to look for other properties. Sitzmark available again. Jessica went over flood hazard plan – critical functions cannot be in the flood hazard. ADA compliance - the current building has an elevator, but the rest of the building is hard to navigate. Start working on the details of the top priorities and the top picks for properties. Complete a pros/cons list of these 4 properties: OSEC / 211 VT Rte 9 West (old WW Bldg) / 20 Mill St / Flea Market. List additional properties if other ideas come up.

Next Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 5:00pm, in-person or via Zoom.
Adjourned at 5:55pm.

ATTEST: _____
Therese M. Lounsbury, Clerk

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John Gannon

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Sarah Fisher

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Christine Richter

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Alice Greenspan

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Bonnie Lorimer

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Leonard Chapman

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Sheila Osler

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Jessica Roberts