

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
TOWN HALL RELOCATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, May 7, 2024, at Wilmington Town Hall
MINUTES

Attendance: John Gannon, Christine Richter, Leonard Chapman, Bonnie Lorimer, Alice Greenspan, Sheila Osler, Sarah Fisher, Jessica Roberts, Therese Lounsbury (at 5:30pm)

Visitors: Samantha Kondracki

Called to order at 5:02pm by John Gannon.

Changes to the agenda: None

Motion made by Bonnie Lorimer to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024. Seconded by Leonard Chapman. Motion carried.

John Gannon asked if there were any new properties to discuss. He mentioned looking at Sitzmark. It was mentioned that Jessica Roberts had mentioned Wheeler Land at the previous meeting.

There was a question as to availability at the OSEC building and it was decided to take a tour at the next meeting on May 21st at 5:00. John Gannon will reach out to set up the tour.

Samantha Kondracki asked if the Town would rent at OSEC and how this would affect the Community Center feel and how it serves other businesses. There was discussion about the amount of parking at OSEC and how much square footage the town offices would need.

Each Member Shared Their Pros/Cons for the Top Four Properties

Flea Market

Lenny – Pro Plenty of Parking with water/sewer access; Con Cost of Construction

Bonnie – Pro Large Acreage for parking and rec use, water/sewer access; Con Flood plain/way, lots of traffic congestion – possible to buy partial

Sheila – Pro Recreation space; Con Cost to develop, State permitting, traffic junction, pedestrian use, wetland

Sarah – Con State permitting, wetlands

Therese, Alice –Nothing to add

John – Pro Visible; Con Same as others

Christine – Pro Blank canvas; Con Not connected to any other town departments, not walkable to downtown

20 Mill Street

Lenny – Pro Own adjacent property, has water/sewer; Con New Building, not a desirable neighborhood

Bonnie – Pro Water/Sewer, new building, solar option, walking distance, access to park; Con No sidewalks, neighborhood, have to buy property

Sheila – Con Wet area, Brownfield study, Neighborhood

Therese – Pro Using Shafter Park land, walkable, Moover transportation; Con Busier street, need sidewalks

Alice – Con Neighborhood, Wet area

Christine – Pro Same as others mentioned, Con – Not on market for sale

211 VT Route 9 West

- Lenny – Pro Room for Parking, sewer access; Con Is it available, not walkable, no sidewalk
- Bonnie – Pro Parking, water, solar, visible; Con Busy storage facility, no sidewalk, too far from downtown
- Sheila – Con Concrete building, no relation to downtown
- Therese, Sarah – Con Disconnected from downtown
- Alice – Con No sidewalks, building no redeeming factors
- John – Pro Parking, sewer/water, large property
- Christine – Pro Near highway, Con Possible existing businesses starting up

John Gannon asked committee members what their thoughts were on doing a town employee survey to get input on what items they felt were important in the site selection. Bonnie suggested having employees give a statement.

Other Discussion: John Gannon received an email from Nikki Steele about doing a town wide survey

Next Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:00pm, at OSEC for tour.
Adjourned at 5:56pm.

ATTEST: _____
Therese M. Lounsbury, Clerk

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John Gannon

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Sarah Fisher

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Christine Richter, Minute Taker

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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