

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
TOWN HALL RELOCATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, June 4, 2024, at Town Hall or via Zoom
MINUTES

Attendance: Sarah Fisher, Christine Richter, John Gannon, Bonnie Lorimer, Lenny Chapman, Therese Lounsbury, Jessica Roberts, Alice Greenspan (at 5:31pm)

Also: Samantha Kondracki, Lilia Hart

Called to order at 5:01pm by John Gannon.

Changes to the agenda/Public Comments: None

Motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024, made by Bonnie Lorimer and seconded by Lenny Chapman. Motion approved.

The committee reviewed their tour of OSEC and shared their thoughts if the property were a viable option:

Christine – still against renting, likes location, walkability, parking is still an issue but thoughts that it can be reconfigured, still heating issues, no a/c, asbestos, does not see vault on second floor.

Lenny – always thought the best spot, maybe long-term lease, renovation would be cheaper than new construction, John asked why thought cheaper, have roofer identified, getting estimates on siding.

Bonnie – ownership issues are a concern, ground floor old cafeteria could be Town Clerk, then floor space above and restrooms nearby, “in town”, campus feel, water & sewer, we were told that “The Vault” for teens could be moved. The ground floor would work for the vault. Christine was concerned that the Town Clerk’s Office in that scenario forces the Town Clerk’s Office to be the reception area. Therese said they would have to determine if that is a fire exit for the building.

Jessica – location and campus feel is excellent, worry about the age of the building and cost of upkeep.

Therese – need to consider square footage, besides weight, the vault needs to be temperature and humidity controlled, plus fire and water safe, limited parking. Does not like the idea of dislodging current tenants.

Sarah – likes the space, booklet shows that when Health Center looked at it, they were going to build a new building nearby and knock down the old.

John – agrees not to rent, and does not want to own the whole complex, would need a building manager for that, asked if it could be subdivided and then tear down the old section, otherwise you are renovating the old section. Jessica said she could check on the ability to subdivide and whether and what the historical designation is. It is on the Vermont Historic Registry. It does move the offices out of the flood plain. If option, would need to go back to the Selectboard and use an architect to create a plan.

Reminder of the current top 4:

OSEC (group decided to keep in mix)

Mill Street

Flea Market (wetlands?)

Old WW location

John will work on site visits to Mill Street and Old WW. The group can stop on their own at Flea Market.

Summer meetings will match the Selectboard schedule.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 5:00pm in the Town Hall or via Zoom.

Adjourned at 5:43pm.

ATTEST: _____
Therese M. Lounsbury, Clerk

ATTEST: _____
John Gannon

ATTEST: _____
Sarah Fisher

ATTEST: _____
Christine Richter

ATTEST: _____
Alice Greenspan

ATTEST: _____
Bonnie Lorimer

ATTEST: _____
Leonard Chapman

ATTEST: N/A _____
Sheila Osler

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Roberts