

Meeting of Feb 2, 2017 minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:30, Feb 2, 2017.

Members absent: Ian Aitchison, Gail Barmakian, Alice Butler, Kris Chvatal.

Other attendees: Amy Billings, Maura McGroaty, Bob Gaffey, Barbara Baskins, Mark Barbadero

Committee approved contract payment schedule for K & K Architects.

Bill led a discussion of the Open House which had 51 people attend. Committee considered and agreed to change the hours for the March 1 Open House at the Fire Station to 1 to 7 PM.

John Keenan discussed the changes in the plans including a basement, a south facing shed dormer the length of the roof to increase capacity for future solar, exterior finishes for consistency and to tie the design together and a reduced ceiling height in the main meeting room. Committee discussed degree of decoration/maintainability of materials, and the extension of roof lines for shading south facing windows and complementing the look of the Library.

There was a lot of discussion concerning public comments from Feb 1 Open House including stair riser heights, use of upper floor for living quarters, kitchenettes on each floor, flexible office spaces, functionality of spaces for value added public uses and possible uses of basement.

A motion was made and passed to not consider living quarters within the Town Hall building. Stair risers will be built to minimal height within code. Kitchenettes on each floor was a welcomed idea.

K & K discussed design contingencies to include for additional changes. The committee concurred with K & K and after a motion, voted unanimously to package and to send the current plan to the estimators by February 9 for a cost estimate. That should provide time for an estimate to be available prior to the next Open House on March 1 at the new Fire/EMS building.

Discussion of energy efficiency, warranties, and maintenance, and who should/would do it and/or supervise it. Some focus on the cost of maintaining current town hall vs efficient, up to code town hall. Mark Barbadero described what could be done to the current building as paint and ceiling tiles before needing to bring the entire structure up to code.

Discussion of outreach and the difficulty of reaching the folks who don't attend Open Houses or Town meetings but who vote. The next meeting on February 9 at 3:30 to 4:50 will focus on addressing Outreach. K & K will return on February 16. Both meetings to be chaired by Steve Auerbach.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Approved 2/16/17