

1835 Town hall Committee

Minutes

March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and present were Carl Corrinne, Rob Barwise, Carol Stewart-Grinkis, Ron Pichierri, Jack Chandler. Dick Maki was also present.

Carl needs the FINAL minutes for 10/21/19 and 12/16/91.

On a motion by Ron and seconded by Carol the minutes from 12/23/2019 were approved unanimously.

The minutes from, 1/15/2020 recorded by Carol were amended and approved as amended on a motion by Rob and seconded by Jack and passed unanimously.

Sprinkler/Fire alarm update: Patrice had American Alarm quote to upgrade the fire alarm so that it could be tied into the new sprinkler system. Ross has approved the work quoted at \$7,000. They are supposed to start ASAP and we need to get start and completion dates. Most of the sprinkler system is in. The attic crawl way was not in the original plans and quote, so we had them add it for an extra \$3,900. That was handled on a change order approved by Ross with Carl and Jack's blessing.

The quote for the alarm system was passed around so everyone could see it.

Arden Sonnenberg joined the meeting around 7:00. Arden suggested recognizing the good work done by R C Shaw and Joe Corneliusen Consulting once all the work has been completed and approved. Both have done a great job and been very helpful during this project. Arden also mentioned that there was going to be a presentation on the Preservation Act Funding on March 30 at 6:30 PM in the Butterick Building.

Septic System Update: Ross is working on the easements we need and has gotten one of the three already. We need to 'find' 1.818 acres of Town owned land that we can put a building restriction on so we get 'credits' and don't have to add a nitrogen system to the septic system. Carl is going to suggest using part of the old "rail trail" to make up the 1.818 acres. Carl is going to pursue and see who needs to approve using that land.

Bathrooms and AC: It has been suggested that we look at adding a third bathroom and air conditioning. This brought us to a long discussion on the occupancy number for the building as it was felt that that would be the determining factor to see if we need to add a bathroom. It was felt that a third bathroom would take up valuable space, would be very expensive, and would only be needed if the occupancy reached a certain level. Carl is going to look through some old reports to see if he can find any occupancy numbers for the building. We need to determine what the total occupancy for the building will be once the sprinkler system is complete. Carl is going to get a quote for putting mini splits in to provide air conditioning for the building as it has been suggested by several people outside the committee.

Carol mentioned that the Garden Club is looking for a permanent meeting place for their monthly meetings. Also, the Cultural Committee is interested in using the building. Dick Maki said that there was still a group interested in a café' and that the Art Collaborative would like to use the building as well but needs storage space for their stands. Celebrate Sterling also wants to use the building, possibly in June. EDC supports these things and the Cultural Council. There was a discussion about what groups would pay a fee, if any. There was also a discussion on the "incubator" idea that had been brought forward.

Based on this discussion and that we are nearing the completion of the work needed to make the building usable it was decided to have a meeting March 24th, 2020 6:30 PM to discuss this and to start getting ready for the opening of the building.

Our next regular meeting will be April 15th, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Carol, seconded by Ron the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:46 PM.