

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

May 18, 2005

The meeting opened at 6:25 p.m. in Rm. 201, Municipal Building. Members present were Vern Gaw, Roland Nelson, Cindy Secord, Ron Pichierri, Ken Stidsen, and Joann Drown.

The recorder's report was read and accepted on a motion made by Ken, seconded by Roland.

The committee met to discuss the Architectural/Structural Assessment Draft dated April 7, 2005, prepared by Reinhardt Associates.

The committee would like to request the architect to include an internal double staircase to the 2nd floor. Vern will look for any paperwork, drawings, etc. on the original staircases, and will attempt to interview any person - Norm Clemence? - who might remember the design of the staircases. It may also be possible to study the floors, ceilings, etc. of the building to try to find a trace of what might have been there originally. Many buildings of the same era had double staircases. They were graceful, stately, and provided a second exit if needed.

Vern suggested that we need clarification about eliminating the door on the upper grade, south side of the building.

Roland questioned the need for a power assist mechanism on the double front doors. Ken stated that they also need crash bars.

Ken stated that a sprinkler system is not included in the draft. The committee unanimously desires the building have a sprinkler system.

Ken stated that this is the time to eliminate baseboards, and have an up-to-date boiler system installed. He also stated that we could eliminate the hot water heater, by having the hot water be produced in a new boiler, with a copper coil system. The system should be zoned for 3 floors.

Roland stated that we need an air-conditioning system, since over 100 bodies on the second floor, on a warm day, would generate a very uncomfortable situation, and decrease the desirability of using the building for events and meetings.

Cindy mentioned that on page 4 of the draft, the 2nd floor area appears to be missing. She would like clarification of information on page 15 (support as in aid?). Also the use of the word Repellent.

Vern questions page 15, brick replacement. Is remove paint from brick an option?

Page 16D: Windows would be cleaned, repaired and repainted and double glazed. We need to ask Mr. Mac Millan if that should be pluralized.

Page 16G: Would snow guards on the roof create a problem of too much snow weight?

Page 19: Is $\frac{3}{4}$ " water service adequate? A sprinkler system requires a 4" line.

Page 21: Replace aluminum louvers with what? Need clarification.

Does new brick on foundation need weep holes?

Cindy questioned grading issues. The committee needs clarification of the need to keep water away from the building, and the building addition, by preparing the grade correctly.

Vern has asked Mr. Mac Millan for more information on the correct way to treat existing clapboards, and information on acrylic paint vs. latex paint, etc. Cindy mentioned the Gale Free Library was hosting an interesting session on 'Everything you wanted to know about painting.' She remembered a segment from the television program 'This Old House', where they mentioned heat was the best way to remove old paint.

Page 2: Interior balcony needs light switches.

The committee discussed the proper shutter size for the windows of the building.

Vern mentioned that he will make sure the piece of corner board is put back on the back of the building.

Vern would like a second opinion on the condition of the roof.

The committee will meet again on June 7, 2005, at 6 p.m. Rm. 201, Municipal Building.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder.