

VMS Building Use Committee

Open Hearing Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2012

I. Call to order

Bill Johnson called to order a regular meeting of the **VMS Building Use Committee** at **6:30pm** on **September 6th 2012** at the Town Hall.

II. Roll call

Bill Johnson, Cheryl Goller, Dave Stewart, Mark Carlisle, Meredith Fagan, Rebecca Cinclair
In attendance: Steve Gallant

III. Options for VMS Building

a) Lease, Tear Down, Moth Ball, Renovate

IV. Pro's & Con's of our options

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Pro's

Cons

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| <p>Moth Balling Buys time to make a decision Keeps all options open for the future of the bldg.</p> | <p>Building falls deeper into disrepair Lowers property value Increase risk and liability to the town Continuing Expense to the town Empty buildings attract vandals</p> |
| <p>Lease – Long Term Improves the condition of the bldg. with limited or no costs to the town Protects part of the history of the town Helps bring in revenue by bringing in visitors to support local business</p> | <p>Town would have to pay a great part of the repairs and renovations to bring the bldg up to code. Increases traffic risks safety at playground Parking issues Liability Town becomes Landlord Not ideal location for a business</p> |
| <p>Lease – Short Term Income for the town from rent & permits Possibility of bringing in more visitors into town by supporting local businesses Additional meeting space for public & private use</p> | <p>Town would have to pay a great part of the repairs and renovations to bring the bldg up to code. Increases traffic risks safety at playground Parking Issues Liability Town becomes Landlord Not ideal location for a business</p> |
| <p>Renovate Protects part of the history in town Improves the property values in the area Additional meeting space for the town Potential to meet unmet needs of the town Memorial to Veterans Central community space Reuse existing structure Beautify unsightly structure</p> | <p>Not efficient as new construction Town pays for all of the costs Town would still have to find a use for the bldg. Expense Potential cost to taxpayer Town would have to pay a great part of the repairs and renovations to bring the bldg up to code.</p> |
| <p>Tear Down Reduces the risk and liability to town Potential to meet unmet needs of the town Potential to create a nicer memorial to veterans</p> | <p>Cost to town Still have to find use for the space Destroys part of the history in town Could potentially make some residents unhappy Potential cost to taxpayer</p> |

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V. New Business/Other

- a) There will be a warrant article for \$2500.00 at the special Town Meeting
- b) Bill Johnson will consolidate all information thus far
- c) Steve Gallant commented that town are tearing down buildings and building new because it's cheaper than renovating and more efficient

VI. Approval of Minutes

VII. Adjournment

Bill Johnson adjourned the meeting at **8:05pm**.

Next Meeting: TBD

Location:

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl Goller

Minutes approved by: Committee