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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2014

Selectmen Present: Chair Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: See sign-in sheet

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Betsy thanked everyone for coming to the 2nd joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Heritage Commission regarding the Town Hall project. Betsy said Architect Mike Petrovick will be speaking again about the Town Hall project.

Elly Miles read from minutes of the Heritage Commission regarding the passing of member Maureen von Rosenvinge and her dedication to the preservation of the Town Hall.

Mike Petrovick gave a review of the last meeting, talked about the code analysis he has done since the last meeting and said we have engaged the services of an architectural historian, James Garvin, to walk through the building and provide a report regarding the character defining features. Mike talked about how LCHIP funding is going to drive the direction in which the project moves and named the things needed to be complaint with codes and ADA requirements. Mike said in order to maximize the building and our dollars it will probably be the best idea to install the required stairs outside of the building and this will allow us to maintain the two big auditoriums, put in the bathrooms required, a space for a kitchen and have the building be completely accessible and usable. Mike said the 2nd floor auditorium would hold approximately 245 and the 1st floor after adding bathrooms would hold 150. Mike said with this plan we could keep the stage or remove it. There was a discussion regarding breaking the two large meeting rooms up into smaller spaces to accommodate other types of offices; Mike stated it would not be impossible but there may be hurdles and cost to do that.

Mike said the next step is to complete the LCHIP grant application it and then wait for the response expected later in the year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on June 23, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Abigail Arnold

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Betsy Hardwick