

Minutes of Meeting
Town Hall Preservation Committee
November 22, 2010

Present: Dan Pike, Joanne McHugh, Kathie Northrup, Russ Pelletier, Nancy Van Scoy,
Absent: James Walter, Dave Ross. Not present: Jim Sullivan (HHS rep).

Meeting began at 6:40 p.m. at the Hooksett Public Library.

In the absence of the Chair, Kathie was asked to be Acting Chair.

Russ moved to accept the minutes of 11/8/10; Dan seconded. Approved.

Russ passed out the two draft plans to those who didn't have copies. A third plan was discussed at our last meeting, but there will be no third plan.

Joanne reported on her contact with the engineering firm. D. Tatem suggests a meeting to be sure that everyone knows what is required. Russ will be in contact with D. Tatem to set up a meeting with the hope of getting the PE stamps on the plans.

Joanne brought up the money issue and her discussions with the DRA and if/how the town will be investing in the project.

Kathie provided copies of RSA 35-B a possible avenue for setting up a dedicated account and eventual management of the building. Discussed how the management might be handled. Kathie asked Joanne if she would contact DRA again and see if they can offer any insight on the use of this statute. The members will review the statute and contact Joanne if they have any questions to include in her contact with DRA.

The group discussed Councilor Boutin's suggestion at a recent council meeting regarding cutting out some street lights with the savings applied to the Town Hall project. Members reported some somewhat negative reactions to the suggestion. Decided to make no official response at this time.

Dan talked to B. Stadtmiller. She will be completing her work with the town in January. As she hopes to complete the survey, Dan asked to continue her work on the project. At some point we will discuss the logistics.

Discussed again the issue of the deed conditions. The group summarized the options as:

1. Do nothing, or
2. Remove the "town hall only" purpose as outlined in B. Stadtmiller's email of 8/17/10, or
3. Take the matter to Probate Court as was first discussed by the Economic Development

Committee early on.

We agreed we had enough info on 1 and 2 but were not sure what would be involved in the Probate Court route, was there a cost involved, are there any advantages to going this way over 2, etc.

Kathie will email B. Stadtmiller to ask if she has access to that information through her research or knowledge of other groups' discussions. Hoping we can get the information by our next meeting, the issue was tabled until that time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, December 13, 2010.

Kathleen Northrup
Acting Chair
November 30, 2010