

Lee Facilities Committee Minutes of Meeting of September 26, 2016

Present:

Members: Paul Gasowski, David Meeker, Deborah Schanda (Chairperson), Wayne Lehman

Called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on September 19, 2016, approved with corrections requested by P. Gasowski and L. Kindberg (via D. Schanda).

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Options for Consideration: The Committee decided that it should identify the various alternatives associated with its charge and attempt to organize future discussion of pros and cons. It was agreed that four issues (among others) to be considered are that a) town employees need to have a safe and comfortable work space, b) the Town needs space for convenient and comfortable official and non-official meetings and gatherings of groups of various sizes, c) the Town Hall needs repair and restoration as soon as possible, and d) the future of the current Town Hall and Library should be considered together and not independently. The Committee opted to discuss options for Town Offices as the focus of this meeting with the intent to vet all other requirements at a subsequent meeting prior to proposing a set of agreed upon options.

Options for locating Town Offices:

- 1) New construction in Town Hall area
 - a) Addition to Town Hall alone
 - i) Town offices temporarily moved to new addition and return to restored Town Hall with addition to Library
 - ii) Town offices permanently moved to new addition and restored Town Hall used for community purposes with addition to Library
 - iii) Town offices share new addition and restored Town Hall
 - b) Combined addition connecting Town Hall and Library
 - i) Town offices temporarily share new addition with Library and return to restored Town Hall
 - ii) Town offices permanently moved to new addition which is shared with Library and restored Town Hall used for community purposes
 - iii) Town offices share new addition and restored Town Hall with Library addition
- 2) New Town Hall on Stevens Field or Bricker property
 - a) Restored Town Hall used for community purposes or Library
 - b) Library addition
- 3) Town offices moved into temporary quarters in Safety Complex and returned to restored Town Hall with no new construction in current Town center.
- 4) Town offices permanently moved to quarters in Safety Complex with Town Hall used as community space with Library addition
- 5) Town offices permanently moved into an addition to the Safety Complex and Town Hall used as community space with Library addition.
- 6) Use or purchase of Lee Church properties
 - a) Lease or purchase of parsonage as temporary location for Town offices but determined that it was not a viable option due to significant restoration required for even a temporary use.
 - b) Explore the purchase of a portion of adjoining Church property for possible use as additional parking following Town Hall and Library additions

Other Items Discussed:

Traffic and Parking Problems: It was noted that the Police and Fire Department have expressed concern for increased traffic associated with a move of the Town offices to the Safety Complex or an addition to it. Both W. Lehman and P. Gasowski remarked that construction on the Stevens Field could also create problems of traffic flow in the area and require a new traffic pattern and a road cut for a separate exit/entrance.

Jeremiah Smith Grange: The possible use of the Grange by the Town was discussed but dismissed as unlikely for a variety of reasons.

Next Meeting: Committee agreed to work on “pros and cons” of the above options for the next meeting, October 11, 2016

Submitted By _____
David Meeker