

Town Center Meeting
September 9, 2015
6:00 PM

Present: Julie Glover, Town Administrator; Cary Brown; David Meeker; Thomas Dronsfield, Chief of Police; Ron Pitkin; Chuck Cox; Paul Gasowski; Janet Allen; Deb Schanda; Robin Estee; Scott Nemet, Fire Chief; Caren Rossi, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Ruth Eifert, Library Director

Absent: Lori Wright; Larry Kindberg

Mr. Pitkin and Mr. Brown met with Skofield Builders on Friday, September 4th at the Town Hall. Skofield Builders was advised that there was no commitment between his company and the town. Skofield Builders had just offered their assistance to check the feasibility and options available for the Town buildings. Mr. Brown advised that the biggest option is how to move and re-assemble the Hobo shed. Mr. Pitkin explained there is a company, First Period Colonial that has experience in moving old historical buildings.

Ms. Glover explained the discussion she had with the Select Board about obtaining funds for renderings, but if Skofield is doing the renderings for free, the discussion is unnecessary. Mr. Pitkin inquired from Ms. Rossi about permits and regulations. Ms. Rossi explained that the Town is exempt from their own regulations. However, the Town had previously followed the regulations and rules during the last Library addition.

There was discussion about Skofield Builder's qualifications. Mr. Pitkin clarified that Skofield Builders was not the general contractor for the Kingston Library; Skofield Builders did the framing and the roofing for the Kingston Library. It was explained that Skofield Builders was brought in to utilize their free advice, since it had been offered.

There was a discussion about the relationship between the Town and Milestone Engineering and AG Architects. The understanding was that these relationships were contract specific, but that information will be confirmed.

There was discussion about the three (3) options that have been discussed in previous meetings. There was discussion about potential problems with any one of the options. These issues could be traffic issues, architectural issues with trying to get the additions to make the buildings look good, and losing the playing fields. There was also discussion about the fourth option which was to move municipal offices to the second floor of the Public Safety Complex. This option has been ruled out for the most part due to losing the meeting space, the weight on the floors, and the wiring on the second floor. The discussion also continued about the projects being completed in phases versus requesting the entire project all at once.

There was discussion about the reserve funds and trust funds. All three funds total \$730,000, but there would need to be a warrant article to repurpose these funds if they were to be used for a new building or for an addition.

Ms. Allen requested that the minutes clarify her statement at the previous meeting about the Historical Society paying for the moving of the Hobo shed. Ms. Allen advised that the Town needs to move the Hobo shed before the Historical Society would pay.

The committee members are tasked with submitting a list of pros and cons for all three of the options to Ms. Glover. Ms. Glover will compile the list and present it at the next meeting for discussion.

Next Meeting: At the Public Safety Complex on September 21st. The committee will discuss the “Pros and Cons” to the previously discussed options. Mr. Cox will be unable to attend that meeting.