

Town of Lee, NH

Town Center Vision Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on December 19, 2017

Town Center Vision Committee (TCVC) Members present: Pat Jenkins, John Tappan, David Cedarholm, Ben Genes, and Scott Bugbee

TCVC Members not present: Richard Jeffrey

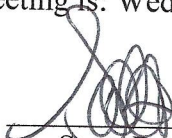
Others Present: John LaCourse, Cary Brown, Scott Nemet, Caren Rossi, Ruth Eifert, Randy Stevens, Julie Glover, Toby Van Aken, Annie Gasowski, Paul Gasowski, Bambi Miller, Anne Tappan, and Patrick Hotaling

1. Chairman Bugbee called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. The Committee discussed the conditions of the town center buildings for the benefit of the audience and guests. Chairman Bugbee reviewed the ideas the Committee had come up with for getting the information out about the condition of the town center buildings to the public. He asked the Department Heads if they had any ideas for accomplishing the same.
3. The Committee had a discussion about the Church property and Chairman Bugbee reviewed the offer the Town presented to the Church and the counter proposal from the Church to the Town. Chairman Bugbee presented the revised proposal discussed when he met the representatives from the Church as a citizen and not as a select person. There was a discussion regarding the parsonage and its condition. The discussion continued and evolved into the difference between the town center site and the Steven's Field site for the proposed town offices.

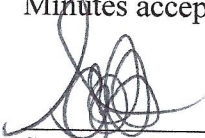
Here were some of the questions and comments made during the discussion:

- a. What are the voters' going to support?
- b. What are the conditions in the town center building and why does it cost so much to fix them?
- c. What are the code and ADA issues?
- d. Talk to citizens one-on-one at the Transfer Station about the conditions and project.
- e. Have something written available at the Town Hall and library for the public to read.
- f. Write letters to the editor in local newspapers and provide handouts and photos of the conditions and proposed solution.
- g. We need to pitch the project and support the Committee's goals.
- h. Create a video or documentary about the conditions and the proposed solution.
- i. We should have Option 2D and Option 5 both on the warrant to allow the voters to decide which location to site the proposed new town offices.
- j. We need to make the public aware of the town buildings' conditions.
- k. We need to look at the short term and long term town vision.
- l. We should build the new town offices on Stevens Field and buy the Church property.
- m. The Department Heads have a good feel for what the voters will support.
- n. How does the Committee speak to the Option 2D and Option 5 solutions?

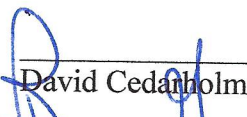
- o. We need to consider the issues that having meetings and voting day at the Public Safety Complex causes for the public safety staff.
 - p. What role does this Committee and its members play in this issue?
 - q. Which plan are we proposing regarding the Church property purchase?
 - r. What happens if these proposed warrant articles for the Church property and the design services don't pass?
4. Chairman Bugbee asked the Select Board at the last Select Board meeting for permission to expend up to \$200.00 for initial expenses to get the Committee up and running. The Board decided to provide up to \$2,000.00 for the Committee's expenses. If more funding is needed, the Committee should return to the Board with a request for further funding.
 5. Pat Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting and Ben Genes seconded the motion. The Committee vote unanimously to approve the minutes.
 6. A sub-committee was created to prepare some displays for the Library with town center building conditions. These displays will be rotating out with each display concentrating on a specific building. John Tappan will head this group. Pat, Ben, and Scott volunteered to assist him.
 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.
 8. Our scheduled meeting is: Wednesday, January 3, 2018. The meeting starts at 6:00pm.

Minutes written by: 

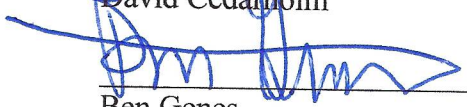
 Scott Bugbee, Chair

Minutes accepted by:



 Scott Bugbee, Chair




 David Cedano



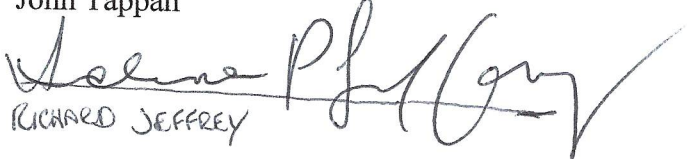
 Ben Genes



 Patricia Jenkins



 John Tappan



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