

Public Hearing Minutes  
Municipal Space Planing  
07 January 2002  
7:00pm

Ms. Landman, called the public hearing on the Municipal Space Plan to order at 7:00pm. Those present included George Lagassa, Jenifer Landman (selectmen) and Russell McAllister, (Town Administrator). Mr. Sullivan was on holiday vacation.

Ms. Landman introduced the Architect Dennis Mires to those in attendance. Mr. Mires provided a presentation on his recommendations to date. It was noted that space planning looked out 20 years and space needs were presented for that time frame. Mr. Mires noted that the immediate needs were to provide office space for the Town Offices. Overall, Mr. Mires reported that the actual footprint of the municipal complex is too small for the number of parking spaces that are now and will be required in the future. The Highway shed also needs to be moved to the Cherry Road site where the recycling center is located. The current Highway Shed lacks toilets and running water and cannot accommodate the plow trucks when the plows are attached because the garage bays are too small. This necessitates increased labor costs to both remove and re-attach the plows during the winter. The library is in need of future expansion, but for that expansion to occur more land will be necessary. Whether that property is the land adjacent to the library or elsewhere in town, more land will be necessary. The total space needs for the Town Offices is estimated to be 5,000 to 5,600 square feet, which conveniently matches the size of the current library.

The discussion turned to a discussion of the renovations on the second floor of the police station. Mr. Mires noted that an elevator was necessary. A discussion of whether an elevator or lift was sufficient. It was noted that the requirement of an elevator versus a lift was not one of a building code issue per se, but more of a civil rights issue as it pertains to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Debate continued in regards to the ongoing renovation project and its feasibility in light of the additional funds necessary to make the second floor accessible.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator