

Town of Stonington
Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public
Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities
November 16, 2009

A regular meeting of the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities was held on November 16, 2009, at the Stonington Police Station.

Present: Charles Ballato, George Brennan, David Christina, Stephen Singer, and invited guests Christopher T. Nardi and William R. Silver with Silver/Petrucci & Associates.

Absent: Tony Cassata.

(1) Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

George Brennan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Charles Ballato made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2009, seconded by Dave Christina, and the motion carried unanimously.

(2) Space Needs Analysis Study

Mr. Silver stated that the company will be transparent with its study and will proceed from the ground up. The first phase will include an interview of all departments. Interviews will begin next week and will be completed by the next Committee meeting. Staff will be challenged and asked to look ten years out for needs. Kristine Bell, Administrative Assistant, in the First Selectman's office will schedule interviews.

To determine conference space needs, information will be obtained on town committees, number of attendees, and staff needs will be evaluated.

A discussion ensued and the Committee requested that interviews not be limited to management. It was suggested to meet with the Open Space Committee and K-12 School Building Committee to determine future growth of the town and student enrollment. The town hall and public works buildings should be evaluated for the potential of a campus setting. The Committee referenced previous studies, blueprints, or possibly structural plans that may be available. George Brennan suggested that Mr. Silver contact Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works.

George Brennan stated that the Committee would like a draft plan to present to residents that would offer three options. Mr. Silver commented that following this phase the feasibility phase of the engagement will begin.

Christopher Nardi questioned the history of previous studies done for the town hall. The south lawn expansion proposal was discussed, however, a needs analysis study was not done. The town of Stonington is facing a significant expense for the sewer

upgrade. The K-12 School Building Committee has not continued with its plans for the elementary schools due to the economic climate. The town hall project will not be as costly, however, it will shadow other needs for the town.

(3) Committee Charter

Deferred.

(4) Correspondence

None.

(5) Old Business

None.

(6) New Business

None.


(7) Public Comment

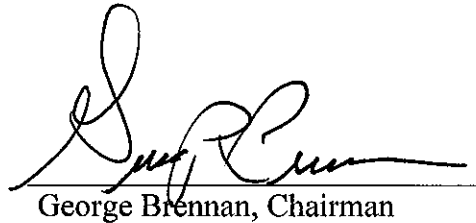
None.

(8) Adjournment

There being no further business, Charles Ballato motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Stephen Singer, and the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,


Maureen L. Carboni, Recorder


George Brennan, Chairman