

Town of Stonington
Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public
Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities
March 15, 2010

A regular meeting of the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities was held on March 15, 2010, at the Stonington Police Station.

Present: Charles Ballato, George Brennan, David Christina, and Stephen Singer. Invited guests, First Selectman Ed Haberek and Christopher T. Nardi and William R. Silver with Silver/Petrucci + Associates, Inc.

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 from the meeting held on February 16, 2010, seconded by David Christina, and the motion carried unanimously.

(2) Correspondence

None.

(3) Old Business

None.

(4) New Business

David Christina stated he would like the Committee to consider the entire campus. George Brennan commented that it was recommended in the Silver/Petrucci + Associates proposal to consider looking at the entire campus, however, the charge of the Committee at present is the Town Hall and then make a recommendation to look at the Public Works Department and the overall campus.

(5) Public Comment

None.

(6) Town Hall Space Needs Analysis

William Silver and Christopher Nardi discussed the Town Hall Space Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study that included the following:

- Study Overview and Purpose
- Space Needs Assessment
- Facility Assessment and Recommendations
- Feasibility Study - Proposed Floor Plans
- Conceptual Rendering with Canopy

After a complete review of the feasibility study, the Committee entered into a lengthy discussion regarding Scheme 3 Revision B and the recommendations identified.

- Replacing the roof due to age and condition
- Replace carpeting
- Replace wood doors
- Cosmetic upgrade
- Upgrade stairs
- Code and accessibility requirements
- Asphalt
- Replace hot water boiler, fire alarm system, and lighting fixture
- New boiler

The estimated cost is \$2.9M, and the plan will meet a 20-year need.

The Town Hall will need to increase parking to 103 spaces with 5,000 s.f. of additional office and conference space. This could be accomplished by expanding the parking areas on to the north and south lawns. The Committee discussed a buffer and possibly seeking a variance to reduce the number of required parking spaces.

The project proposal will go to the Board of Selectman and then the Board of Finance to be reviewed for cost.

First Selectman Ed Haberek stated the project could be bonded along with the sewer project. It was suggested to convey the proposal to the public after the budget is approved so that it can parallel with the sewer project. Begin in late May to early June to seek approval for the final report, and then go before the Board of Finance in mid June and prepare a presentation for the public.

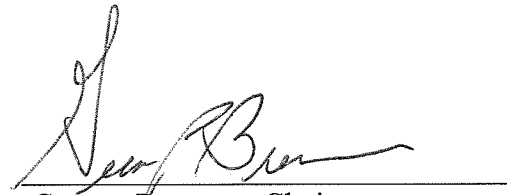
George Brennan recommended that Committee members review the Town Hall Space Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study in preparation for the next meeting so that the project proposal can be finalized. Any comments can be forwarded to Maureen Carboni to be distributed.

(7) Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting of the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities will be April 19, 2010. There being no further business, Charles Ballato made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by David Christina, and the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,


Maureen L. Carboni, Recorder


George Brennan, Chairman