

FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION & STRATEGIC PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
6-13-2012

Members present: John Hadley, Chris Rucho, Ray Bricault, John DiPietro, Kevin McCormick, John O'Brien

Others present: Leon Gaumond, Mike Kane

Mr. Hadley called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

A motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2012 was approved with two changes. The first change was to change the \$40 million figure in the next to last paragraph on page 1 to "\$10 million". The second change was to change the \$250,000. Figure to "sold at auction for \$250,000" – All in favor except Mr. McCormick and Mr DiPietro who abstained.

There was a discussion regarding the property at 114 Worcester Street and the letter we received asking if the town had any interest in the property. A motion was made by Mr. McCormick to send a response back asking for the sales price and other details. All voted in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the Manor restaurant property. The general comments were that the current structure does not appear to be functional as a town hall. We then discussed the Flag RV building and possibly building a town hall on that site. Mr. McCormick made a motion to ask Flagg RV for a sales price and additional details. All in favor. Mr. Hadley will contact for the additional details. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Masonic Home building and if there would be any possibility that that property would be on the market

Mr. Bricault led a discussion regarding the debt that well be coming off the town's books over the next several years. He identified a very rough figure of \$10 million that could potentially be borrowed with little increase to the town's overall tax rate. We then discussed the differences in a "top down" approach vs. a "bottoms up" approach to solving the town's building needs. We then discussed potentially separating the senior center from the town hall. The Bethlehem Baptist Church building was discussed as potentially a good fit for a senior center only. Mr McCormick made the motion to have a

discussion with the Bethlehem Baptist Church and their current position on their property, second by Mr. Rucho. All in favor. My Hadley agreed to initiate the conversation.

Mr. Gaumond joined the meeting and gave each member a copy of the Needs Assessment Feasibility which was done in 2008.

Mr. Bricault volunteered to speak with Ms. Cairns and the COA about looking critically at the COA needs to determine what their true space requirements are for consideration of a new building. All were in agreement.

There was some discussion about the name of the committee. Mr. Rucho moved to change the name of the committee to the Town Facility Committee. Mr. Gaumond mentioned the reason for the name as given – it is to speak to strategic planning AND implementation. There was no second to the motion and it failed.

Mr. Bricault asked about the demolition of Mixter. He said that the FinCom would be interested in knowing how the demolition of Mixter fits in to the overall building plan. Mr. Rucho said that discussion should be kept with the Selectmen and not the Facilities Committee and that we would cross that bridge when we come to it.

Motion Mr. Rucho to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. McCormick. All in favor at 8:30 p.m.