

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2006

Members present: Alex Fallavollita, Allen Phillips, John Hadley, Bruce Peterson, Jay Dugan, Mike Maljanian

Guests: Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Marcia Cairns, members of the Senior Center Study Committee and COA

The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. without a quorum present.

The Council on Aging director and guests were recognized. Bruce Peterson discussed the square footage with the COA. They have proposed 10,700 square feet of needed space not including corridors and some ventilation space and wall width, which would make it more. A. Fallavollita suggested that the Town Hall subcommittee meet with the Senior Center Subcommittee to come up with a joint plan.

It was announced that on Thursday, July 20th at 6:30, the COA committee will be meeting with CMRPC and a consultant to design a joint town hall and senior center. All MBC members are invited to attend and the Selectmen's office will notify the members of the MBC not in attendance.

There was discussion about where we will build the town hall/senior center. L. Gaumond spoke to the issue of the use of the architectural firm and the fact that the design may not be used in the end. M. Cairns did not feel that would be a problem for the school providing us with the labor.

There was discussion about the way the projects would be pursued and funded. The COA would like to tour other town senior centers to get some ideas. It was suggested that they inform the MBC about these tours in case any members would like to participate.

Discussion continued regarding the Town's choice of architects. J. Dugan had issues with having one architect to do all of the projects.

The COA was excused at 7:50 and at that time the School Department representatives were recognized. The schools were represented by School Committee Chairman Peter Desy and Brian O'Connell and they proceeded to update the MBC on their status with their building. They provided the MBC with their minutes of the June 26, 2006 meeting of the School Building Committee. They have been focusing

on their shortage or storage and instructional space. They are looking at both the Middle/High School as well as the elementary school but they have not yet made any formal recommendations. They are meeting again on July 17th. The schools need space now and are working towards a solution soon.

A. Fallavollita briefed the Schools on the MBC progress. There was brief discussion about the future of the MLP building. A. Fallavollita suggested they look carefully at that building. He asked if they knew what their space needs were and whether or not the space would be permanent or modular construction. Answers should be firmed up soon.

At this point Tom Kane joined the meeting.

Mr. Fallavollita suggested they look towards ten, twenty or thirty years down the road as they develop their plans. He asked about leasing extra space. There was discussion regarding planning for the long-term needs of the Town.

There was discussion about the new school building assistance program and the committee was briefed by Mr. Kane.

L. Gaumond spoke to the town's RFP for leased space and if the schools thought to join the Town at 100 Hartwell Street. T. Kane is willing to consider it and L. Gaumond offered to fax him a copy of the RFP submission.

There will be a tour of 100 Hartwell Street on July 21, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. All MBC members and school department personnel are invited to attend. In addition, all minutes of the MBC will be sent to the School Department.

There was discussion on the square footage requirements for the buildings. B. Peterson suggested that \$250/square feet should cover new construction and J. Hadley suggested \$150/square foot for renovations of the police and fire stations. We are looking at 24,000 square feet for town hall and senior center.

Next meeting will be held on August 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.