

3-23-2015

Groton Municipal Building Committee – Prescott School

Call to Order 5:03 pm by Greg Sheldon

Present: Greg Sheldon, Halsey Platt, Becky Pine, Gary Green, Alison Manugian, Val Prest

Approval of minutes of 3/19 – unanimous

Membership is now 7 people, Brian & David resigned, discussed whether to keep the committee to 7, it was agreed to stay at 7 members

Discussed the upcoming public meeting on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 9-10am: open house
- 10am – noon: Listening to the public for ideas for utilization
- Is there a budget for miscellaneous items – Mark Haddad said “yes”
  - Banner
  - Public notice
  - Coffee

Bob Coleman and the cable committee is working with Greg Sheldon to produce a video for use at a future public hearing or Town Meeting, Don Campbell will be our producer – No cost for video

Selectmen’s meeting is next Monday 3/30: Greg to give update report at 7:30pm

Spring Town Meeting 4/27 @ 7pm– Greg will give a report – 3 minutes maximum duration as per Mark Haddad. Note: Fall Town Meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Public Engagement Subcommittee reported:**

Shared a press release draft, reviewed and approved unanimously

Discussed the form for requesting space in Prescott

- Gary to work with Mark Haddad to ensure that the form is up on the town website in PDF format
- Gary to add some directions and instructions to the form

**Research & Analysis Subcommittee reported:**

- Reviewed the layout for the upper floor for GDRSD layout
- Val would like drawings from BH+A – Halsey to request
- Distributed a list of Groton municipal departments, Gary & Halsey to m/w Mark Haddad
- Do we have a master list of other successful reuse buildings in other towns?

Discussed whether we are moving towards an “expanded view” view of the services that a town might provide – space for arts, drama, music, other activities that are not already provided for by the town as Open space is, as team sports are.

Next meetings: 4/6 at 5pm, 4/21 at 5pm, 5/18 at 5pm

Discussion and vote to put Greg Sheldon on as a member of both sub-committees so that both subcommittees have 4 members, 5 in favor – 1 against (Manugian)

Michael Roberts addressed the committee – Discussed long range planning for the Groton Historical Commission. They would like a visitor center space for people visiting Groton, possibly a display space for the Groton Historical Society and youth's school town history projects.

Sue Lotz addressed the committee – member of the Friends of Prescott – their next meeting is at 7pm tomorrow at the Middle school North Library.

Adjourned 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted:

Halsey Platt, Clerk