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Municipal Building Committee for Prescott School

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Becky Pine, *Member*
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Meeting Minutes

for the

Research and Analysis Subcommittee for Prescott School

Meeting Date: March 30, 2015
Meeting Time: 8 a.m.
Meeting Location: Town Manager's Office, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, 173 Main Street, Groton
Members: Greg Sheldon, Gary Green, Halsey Platt, Anna Eliot
Others: Mark Haddad (Town Manager)
Handouts: Agenda, February 23, 2015 draft minutes, March 5, 2015 draft minutes

Meeting was called to order. Subcommittee members asked the Town Manager about projected town department space needs in order to plan for municipal space needs in the Prescott School as well as possible School District space needs there. Mark Haddad stated that there are no plans to grow the municipal side such that additional office space would be needed. However, the Town experiences high demand for medium to large sized meeting rooms. At times, open meetings scheduled in Town Hall are sited in the second floor kitchen. That space is suitable for meetings with low attendance but would not accommodate a group larger than about eight people.

The group went down a list of town departments. The future space needs of the Groton Council on Aging have not been sorted out. All members of the group were aware of the ongoing survey of seniors' needs and preferences for Council on Aging service delivery.

The new Groton Electric Light Department building is designed to allow for public and fully accessible meeting space. The Lost Lake Fire Station also has a meeting room that groups like the Groton Garden Club are using for their meeting needs. Gary Green commented on the need to explore the full availability and/or utilization of the Lost Lake Fire Station and the GELD building (when online).

The group discussed a prospective private sector use of the building. Mark Evans of Evans on the Common is exploring the purchase of the Prescott School building in order to use the first floor and lower level for his retail shoe business. Halsey Platt commented that regardless of price, the fundamental question for the committee is whether the building will remain in town ownership for town, school and community use.

Minutes

Gary Green moved to approve the draft minutes from February 23, 2015. Halsey Platt seconded and the motion carried 3:0 (Anna Eliot abstained).

Gary Green moved to approve the draft minutes from March 5, 2015. Halsey Platt seconded and motion carried 3:0 (Anna Eliot abstained).

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

Notes by Fran Stanley