Municipal Building Committee for the Prescott School

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Prescott School, 145 Main St., Groton Members present: Annika Nilsson-Ripps, Becky Pine, Halsey Platt, Greg Sheldon, Bruce Easom, Anna Eliot

Meeting Minutes from 1/13/16:

Handouts: Investigation and Evaluation report 780 CMR 9th Edition, Prescott School, Groton, MA

Meeting called to order 7:04pm

Becky Pine moved to approve minutes of 11-18-15. Annika Nilsson Ripps seconded and motion carried 5:0 (Gary Green and Lynwood V. Prest absent)

Greg Sheldon provided project update.

-University of Massachusetts Lowell grant writing professor will assign a student to our project. Ripps assigned as liaison.

-12/21 Greg Sheldon met w/ Dr. Rodriguez of GDRSD to discuss school department's ongoing facility review. GDRSD expressed interest in extending lease. Need some minor updates/maintenance done, but no major renovations. Review will be completed by end of January.

-Greg Sheldon reached out to Matt Evans, of Evan's on the Common. Evans expressed interest in purchasing building or leasing space within building. There is no specific time frame.

-Friends of Prescott hosting a panel discussion 2/6. Committee was invited to attend.

Bruce Easom reported on the current Friends of Prescott CPC application. -CPC letter of support was voted down at Town Mtg.

Halsey Platt reported on Code Analysis Report provided by Joel Bargmann.

-This report contained only the code review. Structural analysis report due in 10 days.

-Report recommends that the Town Manager should request a change of use from group E to group B.

-Anna Eliot asked about how the use of the building as Commercial/Retail would effect code. Halsey committed to getting answer from Joel Bargmann.

-Committee questioned whether the change of use would effect the assessed value.

-Stairs, Handrails and existing gym stairs, all identified as needing adjustment to meet code, were identified as easily adjusted items.

Committee to meet with School District to discuss facilities review.

Greg to review/revise vision statement and present the agreed upon vision to the Board of Selectmen.

Next meeting 1/25 at 6pm at Board of Selectmen meeting.

Municipal Building Committee for Prescott School will meet on1/28 at 7pm. On the agenda, reviewing the Structural Analysis from Joel Bargmann and reviewing a letter of support for the friends of Prescott CPC application.