

## Groton Municipal Building Committee – Prescott School - Minutes

2-18-2016 Call to Order 7:07pm by Greg Sheldon

Present: Greg Sheldon, Halsey Platt, Annika Nilsson Ripps, Becky Pine, Bruce Easom

- Approved minutes of 2/11/16, 1<sup>st</sup> = Easom, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Pine, unanimous approval
- Sheldon reported on the Board of Trade meeting last night. Sheldon, Easom & Pine attended.
- Elliot arrived 7:25pm
- Committee discussed various tenants for retail and restaurant use. Platt commented that if the business model is \$35,000 cash flow positive, then the building would be generating a similar amount of revenue than it would have if sold and the owner were paying real estate tax. The Board of Trade liked that we have focused some space for business office space and retail. The Board of Trade saw Friends of Prescott as a unique asset because of their ability to rent space to the business community and public at market rates. Board of Trade suggested the Friends of Prescott should solicit non-binding letters of support from in-town businesses/organizations that they want to rent space in Prescott.
- Sheldon reported out on the meeting with Jarret Stanton and Steve Byrne of the GDRSD. Easom & Platt also attended. GDRSD said that they could help execute some of the tasks if the CPC application could cover material costs. Byrne to get Platt material estimates on 4 items of the 11 items on the CPC list. Stanton said that the GDRSD could share the meeting room space on the first floor – for instance, they need the large 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room for ~6 hours per week.
- Sheldon said the deadlines for committee members written sections of the report is 2/24/16
- Sheldon would like to target a 3/10/16 presentation to the Selectmen.
- Committee discussed a plan for public outreach between 3/10 and 4/25
- Town Meeting is 4/25/16
- Committee discussed version 2 of the draft report and made edits.
- Elliot left 8:35
- Discussed Annika's graphic for the building use & offered suggestions
- Ripps left 9:03
- Discussed Easom's budget narrative for operating expenses and revenues, made edits.
- Adjourned 9:16pm

Respectfully submitted, Halsey Platt, Clerk