

Prescott Re-Use Committee Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2013

Chairman Halsey Platt opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Other members present were Russell Burke, Anna Eliot, Stanley Jackson, Berta Erickson, and Ellen Hargraves.

Mark Haddad, Town Administrator, met with the Committee to share the response to the RFP that had gone out, following the Committee's meeting with the selectmen on March 18th. There was one response which proved to be unfavorable upon further consideration. Mark talked with Dan Mahoney from Hay Creek who stated that the reasons for not considering the building were the relatively small size, lack of commercial base in town, and the lack of a business population during Monday through Friday. Mark felt that to continue looking for someone interested in the current RFP, we really needed a "sugar daddy", someone not caring about the return on their investment. Mark also talked with Chris Murphy and Paul Brickman from a consulting company who agreed that it would take someone willing to wait some time for a return on their investment.

Berta said that the schools needed more space for the central office. Russ thought that the use of the schools, a restaurant, and some retail might be the best use of the building. Mark asked the question, "Does the town want to be an equity partner in the use of the building?" He felt the selectmen should be asked if the town is willing to pay some amount for the commercial development of Prescott.

Anna felt that another RFP should be sent out to open up interest, but not to be limited to just a restaurant for potential use. There might be the possibility of the schools using the top floor, with commercial and/or community use on the first floor and basement. The School Committee should be surveyed for their future use of the building by the selectmen.

The minutes of the March 18th meeting of the Prescott Re-Use Committee were approved. At 6:27 p.m., the meeting was postponed until 7:10 p.m. when the Committee will meet with the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hargraves, Secretary of the Prescott Re-Use Committee

