

Middletown Springs Building Committee
Unapproved Minutes
Middletown Springs, Vermont
August 16, 2012

Public Present: None

Member Present: S. Moyer, T. Hurcomb, L. Castle, D. Munyak, P. McWilliams, M. McCormack and D. Wright

Call to Order: 7: 11PM

I. Minutes:

- A. **Approve minutes from 8/1/12:** Motion moved and seconded with one correction. All in favor.

II. **Property Acquisition:** Regarding the status of the survey Courcelle is waiting for Johnson to set the pins on the south border before completing his survey. Johnson has not yet filed his findings. D. Munyak voiced to the SB that the BC has concerns about the need for an independent survey at their last meeting. A discussion followed on the hiring of Sherri Slack (see last meeting minutes) to do an independent and professional title search, as Joe Teer, a non-professional, has done the only title search at this time. We now have 2 surveys based on a layman's search of the records. The BC wants to go on record that we have valid concerns that something crucial in the title search may have been overlooked. There is nothing we as a committee can do but relay our concerns to the SB.

III. **Scheduling:** Once the survey is accepted and filed we will go ahead with site design.

IV. **Building & Site Design:** The design team was not present. David M. has sent to the architects the spreadsheet giving the details of how many folks use the building and for what purpose. What is the process of working with the design team? The BC will be acting as the client with the architects once they begin their work. A lengthy discussion followed on possible building space needs for various town officers. We can expect a paper program before any drawings.

- A. Library Board Update: The Library Board notified the BC that they wish to remain where they are.
- B. Design Team: No report.

V. **Funding Opportunities:**

- A. Brownfield funding: The SB authorized the submittal of the sub-grant application to South Windsor Regional Planning Commission pending the conclusion of some budget numbers. We will try to coordinate with Ed Bove of RRPC.
- B. Building Funding:
 - 1. Grant/Agency funding: Tom Hurcomb has contacted what appear to be the most important agencies on the list from Vermont Historical Preservation Trust

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for funding. The ones not contacted by Tom must still be assessed for what they have to offer. What needs to happen is for the BC to go over the list with a fuller committee present. A careful reading is important as some are offering loans and we need to find out where we can get the best loan deal if and when that proves necessary. *Action Item: All BC members should read and make notes on the remaining agencies on the preservation list.*

Sen. Sanders is to be in town this Saturday. Tom H. has contacted Sander's campaign and spoke with his campaign manager. He advised Tom they can not tour the office space at this time. He assured Tom that he could give us time to tell what is going on. Tom has assembled a portfolio including Dave Munyak's history and Tom Keefe's drawings to give to Sanders. For anyone interested Sanders will be at the firehouse at noon on Saturday, Aug. 18.

We must look for other agencies that may have funding. The Freeman and Johnson Foundations are another possible source and Patty McW. will explore both for possible funding. The town has been awarded five thousand dollars for energy needs from Neighborhood Works. D. Wright, who serves on our energy committee, has advocated it be dedicated for use to the new town office.

2. Capital Campaign.

VI. Community Support:

- A. Neighbors: David W. took Joe Teer a copy of the Preservation architect's report. Tom gave Jana Tournabene a copy of the same report. Patty McW. will give a copy to Nan Gilmour and Vicky Arsenault. Maureen will give a copy to Jackie and Earl Parker and Tony and Annisa Lamberton.
- B. **Informational Meeting:** Once we get the survey completed we can start planning the meeting. We could do a bulletin board at the November election. We feel it necessary to own the property before we have a public meeting.
- C. Public Relations

VII. Other Business. None

Adjourn: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Clerk

Next meeting Wednesday, September 5,
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