

February 1, 2011

Meeting began at 11:15 a.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Sue Inman, Gladys LeFevre, Dennis Bertucci, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: John Spendlove, Jones & Demille; Bill McMurrin, Adam Jensen, MESA; Larry Davis, Mary Jane Coombs, Doug and Camille Hall, Tina Karlsson, Denise Pennington, Dianne Oberhansly, Peg Smith, Todd Campbell, Tom Jerome, Tonya Crawford, Mike Nelson, Ashley Coombs, Mikhaal Chillier, Cheryl Cox, Mark Nelson, Alyssa Thompson.

The Mayor introduced John, Bill and Adam and turned the time over to Bill McMurrin for a presentation on the proposed plans for the building renovation. He applauded the community in wanting to retain the historic integrity of the building. The new addition won't compete with the original building, but they don't want it to look old. In preparing the design, they didn't want the new, back section to overpower the front, so the roof lines are lower. They also took into consideration the Town's desire and need to make the building energy efficient. With that in mind, the floor in the new part will be concrete in order to absorb solar energy in the winter. Retaining historical values and making the building energy efficient are competing needs. The two old rooms will stay the same, and the new part is basically one large room with an office, restrooms, and kitchen. The small front closets will be taken out to give a feeling of entry.

A computer presentation of the building was given, with discussion as the program moved through the building.

There was a great deal of discussion on the recessed windows on the new section. The roof overhangs will keep the sun out in the summer, but the angle of the sun will allow the solar energy to heat the building in the winter.

The old windows will be replaced with double-pane windows resembling those in the original building, and there will be a new front door. Old photographs were used in designing the changes. The current floor is an unknown in the planning. It seems to be solid, but there is really no access to the space under the building to see what is actually there. As construction begins, it will be easier to see what is actually there. There will probably be some code violations that we may be able to work around. Their designers have been working with the Building Inspector on these issues. They may need to add some supports under the library. Radiant floor heat was considered and has previously been discussed with the Council. Because of budget constraints and also because of response time of the system in view of the sporadic use of the building, radiant heat is not

feasible.

They plan to heat the building with a propane furnace and cool with an electric system. Tom is concerned about the cost of propane going up. Bill replied that the cost of electricity is going up, too. The siding on the building will be replaced with a new composition material that resembles the wood siding.

It was asked whether the kitchen could be opened up. It may be possible to put movable rolling doors on the east side of the kitchen, but the budget and storage are concerns. They could also look at bi-folds. A serving counter for the kitchen would be nice. As discussion continued, it was suggested that a counter with a roll-up door might work. It was asked if the kitchen could just be open space. (Eric Bresselsmith came.) The chimneys will remain but will probably need repointing or stabilizing. If they aren't sound, they may have to be taken down. The roofing will be replaced.

Dianne would like to see the library as one large room, rather than having a reading space outside of the main room, but if a separate seating section will allow space for more books, she will be okay with it. A suggestion was made to move the entry doors for the community room further north along the same wall in order to leave more reading room. There is a need for storage space, which is admittedly lacking in the building. Todd suggested that the south recessed windows add construction expense and would like to see more open space in the building. Peg wondered if the north wall of the community room could be removed from its east end to the vestibule area.

The proposal is to have four separate heating units, each with a separate thermostat, so that only the part of the building being used at any one time would be heated. It was suggested that windows on the north side be reduced in the interest of energy efficiency. To maintain the historic integrity of the building, the north room windows will remain, but we will try to find some kind of insulating cover for them.

What happens next in the process? Some of the issues have to do with aesthetics. They've tried to strike a balance between historical value and energy efficiency while still considering budget.

It was proposed that we consider building a separate outside building for storage. (Ana Sanders came.) Sue suggested that we plan a two-foot deep storage section across the back of this (the north) room. The suggestion was well received by everyone. There will not be a three-compartment sink or a grill in the kitchen, nor will there be commercial use of the kitchen.

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Concessions were made, and the following changes were generally agreed upon by the majority of attendees:

Library - storage will be created at the back (east) of the north room.

Kitchen - the architects will check on the feasibility of putting a counter and roll-up door into the community room.

Community room - leave the wall, but check on moving the door toward the north end of the wall.

The meeting ended at 1:15.