

Minutes of the Old Town Office Subcommittee for meeting held May 11, 2016 at the Town Office

Attending members: Jennifer & Fred Bagley, Ann & Steve Singiser, Selectman Dick Wilcox, Mike Barone, and Phil Douglas. And Shelly Susina, visitor.

Dick volunteered to be Chair of the Committee; Ann, Vice Chair; Steve, Clerk.

Dick opened the discussion by stating the Select Board favored the Committee moving forward with an examination of the possible future use of the Old Town Office building and, if such a use could be decided upon, what would be required to resurrect the building for that purpose. The ensuing meeting was a general discussion mostly focused on these issues. In summary:

Adi continues to rent the building but is not using it. Through his daughter we will determine his future plans for this space. It appears to be unlikely he will be returning. Dick will contact his daughter to have this conversation.

In terms of possible future uses for the building, most promising appears to be open meeting space. However, limited available parking and lack of indoor plumbing for water and waste needs to be addressed. Park and Ride controls many parking spaces. On site water sources are limited and waste disposal may require an Alpine Pipeline connection. A recommendation for the building's future use is not available at this time.

Moving the building to a new location might be a solution. Discussion of this alternative centered on cost, possible locations, and the loss of certain historic preservation grants, if the building is moved. Restoration of the building in place would be determined by its future use. Stabilization of the foundation, outside painting, and certain external changes could be undertaken in stages. There is about \$45,000 available in a reserve fund currently and another \$5500 will be added – presumably - next year.

Assignments: Dick will contact Adi's daughter. Fred will contact Park and Ride to see if we can free up additional parking space. Phil will research what might be involved in moving the building. Ann will get more information on how grant money would be affected and will explore the possibility of sharing the town office Alpine Pipeline connection. Steve will warn our next meeting to take place on:

May 25th at 6:30 at the Town Office.

Steve Singiser, Clerk
May 13, 2016