

**Town Hall Building Committee  
Bantam Annex  
80 Doyle Road, Bantam  
Regular Meeting  
January 16, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Hall Building Committee was held at the Bantam Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 7pm.

**Present:** John Langer, Vice Chairman; Lynne Brickley, Ann Combs, Peter Ebersol, Jack Healy, David T. Wilson, Jeffery Zullo (7:14) and Alternates Lisa Losee and William Deacon, Jr.

**Absent:** William J. Buckley Jr., Chairman.

**Public Present:** John Martin, Architect; Diane Blick, John McKenna, Michelle Merlin, and Frank Pierzga.

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman John Langer called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Mr. Deacon and Ms. Losee were appointed to act as voting members.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting as read. Mr. Ebersol seconded the motion which passed. There were two abstentions, Ms. Brickley and Mr. Langer.

**Report on Digitizing Records:** Mr. Healy stated that departments may share purchased or leased equipment.

**Report on Park and Recreation Needs:** Mr. Healy reported that the Capital Committee has begun to allocate funds for a 10-year plan. The Committee would like to keep the status of this project in mind as Town Hall planning progresses.

**Expansion of the Committee's Charge:** Ms. Combs provided a revised copy of the Committee's charge and stated that the Board of Finance has approved allocation of additional funds for the expansion of the charge. Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the expanded charge. Mr. Ebersol seconded the motion which passed.

Ms. Combs made a motion to approve the use of \$5,500 for John Martin's cost analysis of maintaining the existing Town Hall over a 20 year period vs. building a new town hall. Ms. Losee seconded the motion which passed. Mr. Martin estimates that he would need at least 6 weeks to complete the analysis.

The Committee discussed at what point the existing town hall would need to be brought entirely up to current ADA code. Mr. Healy stated that improvements are required periodically.

Members of the Committee stated that residents have brought up converting the annex back to a school and using the existing school for the town hall, as school population decreases. Other

members stated that circumstances are always changing and that it would be short-sighted to assume that the school population will continue to decline.

**Possible Questions from Public and Final Report/Public Sessions:** Ms. Brickley compiled a list of questions asked by the public in previous years, and recommended that Board of Finance members and other elected officials attend the public sessions.

The Committee discussed the fact that many people get information online now rather than going to a physical place. It was concluded that ample space is still required for town workers, including those who must update and manage the online information, as well as for storing hard copies of files.

The Committee reviewed the list of questions. Mr. Wilson will continue to revise the list for the next meeting.

**Correspondence:** Ms. Combs read a letter received from Paul Mordecai-Rosenberg.

Ms. Brickley made a motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for February 6, 2013, unless the Chairman would like a meeting sooner. Mr. Ebersol seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Deacon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Losee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Bumstead  
Recording Secretary