

Oxford Town Hall Building Committee
Meeting Minutes - Public Listening Session Fire Station 3
5:45pm -6:15pm October 8, 2024

Resident Committee Members present: Donna Setter (Chair), Deb Cramer, Robert Generous, Peggy Nelson, Gloria McDonnell

Discussion: Public input was received from many residents in attendance. Following is a summary of the comments received:

Can we continue to use the fire hall as our meeting place? - We believe so as of now

How did Donna pick the committee? - Donna wanted to select committee members with a variety of backgrounds. Donna introduced each committee member and a brief description of their background.

Deb - long time resident of the township

Robert - former city planner

Peggy - long time resident, treasurer and election judge Gloria - 12 year township resident and retired CPA

How big is the lot - 2 acres

What is maximum size building we could build - Per Donna 80ft X 100ft

What is size of current building? 30ft X 40ft, don't know the capacity

What makes us think we can maintain a new building based on the condition of the current building

Suggestions that the new building would be a pole building

What is the cost of mold remediation? - \$200,000 plus the cost of a roof

Suggestion we look at how many people live in the township and plan for future growth; plan for new building with capacity of 200 people or so, plus parking, handicap access etc Consider the direction of traffic if we build new and rent it out. Apollo already a busy road. Have we determined what level of rental income would be needed to cover costs

If we are only going to use the building once per month we can find a place to rent for a long time before we spend as much as we would on a building

What did the committee discuss at it's 1 1/2 hour meeting (it was later decided that the building committee notes would be posted on the website)

Have we looked into grants? Can we get the building condemned and would that help us obtain grants?

Parking for 200 people plus a building isn't possible on a 2 acre lot What are our options for renting? What is status of saddle club?

If we build new what do we need? One big room, offices, kitchen?

Will we look at bonding?

Where will we keep records if we don't have a building?

Maintain fiscal responsibility-would like to see options showing minimum cost of building and other cost ranges

If we rent out building we need insurance, will there be an alcohol license? If we rent out there will be people coming from all over, seeing the things people have at their homes and you may come home one day and your items will be gone

There are extra costs with maintaining a building, may be better to continue to meet somewhere else

Can we sell existing property and buy new property and build a new building - would this be more cost effective

There are a lot of things we could do with a new building, rent out for various events, we could make money for the township

Some felt we shouldn't get into the rental business, shouldn't be in the business of renting, shouldn't compete with other venues. Rental business requires staffing

County Rd 12 is not well lit for a lot of traffic and there is a lot of wildlife

If we are going to rent somewhere to hold our meetings could we put a garage door on the old building and use it for storage

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People want to know time frame of when building would be complete

Sunrise building is under 100 capacity so they didn't need to install fire suppression

What is normal turnout for the board meeting? We shouldn't build a building for a once a year capacity (ie, March meeting)

Current septic system needs to be replaced, well is new only 3-4 years old

Are there grants available for solar energy

University of MN may be helpful- may send an architect intern to help with design- this could save the township money

Suggestion that committee come up with recommendations of various size buildings and cost

Are there other places in the township to rent? Any residents with buildings they could rent?

Constructing a new building is going to put a tax burden on residents

Are the neighbors ok with renting out a new building

Township is going to grow significantly, we should be planning for future growth

if we rent a space we need to consider where will furniture be stored, how will space get set up each month. Where will files be stored

Bob needs copy of survey to draw up basic plans for building and parking