

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2017

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Committee meeting was brought to order at 6:01 pm by Ellen Quinn, Chair.

Present: Bruce Maxham, Bruce Seely, Josh Maxham, Norman (Nope) Martin, Steve Tarleton, Sr., and Nancy Robinson

Visitors: Marjery duMond & Andy Bird

Nope moved to accept the minutes of November 14, 2017 as written. Ellen seconded the motion and motion carried.

Nancy shared a response from Nicole Kesselring, Civil Engineer; will schedule work right away and anticipates having some information within 3 weeks.

Bruce Maxham contacted Morton Buildings and they are not interested in discussing plans and designs on any projects that have to go out to bid.

Bruce Maxham reported on behalf of the Fire Department that discussions of cutting out a meeting room for the fire departments use was not well received. Using/sharing the community room did not make sense as the firemen feel that this was not professional especially in case of another disaster and the community room was opened as a shelter. Firemen would also use their meeting room for training sessions and paperwork. Question was asked if Bridgewater no longer had a local volunteer fire department what were the consequences: town would have to contract with neighboring towns (if they would take us on), slower response time and possible insurance increases to property owners.

Future plans – Bruce Seely will ask Harold Mayhew, Woodstock Architect to come to the December 12th meeting for an informal “chat and advise”. If Mr. Mayhew is not available on the 12th there will not be a meeting. Next meeting will be on January 9th.

Begin laying out presentation of information for Town Meeting with the following options:

Standalone community building with fire station

Use back 2/3 of school to rehab for community room and fire station.

Community room/area of either option will be built to accommodate town and community functions.

Andy asked about the possibility of the town perusing other land options. Town has land connected to the sewer line and accessible to RT 4 and does not intend to pursue other options at this time.

Next meetings will be on December 12th (may be cancelled) and January 9th & 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson,
Clerk