

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
OCTOBER 24, 2017  
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Committee meeting was brought to order by Ellen Quinn, Chair at 6:00 pm.

Present: Bruce Maxham, Bruce Seely, Josh Maxham, Norman (Nope) Martin and Nancy Robinson

Visitors: Hank Smith, Joni Kennedy, Brian Bontrager, Andy Bird, Raymond Kennedy, Jr. and Collen Doyle

Bruce Maxham moved to accept the minutes of October 10, 2017 as written. Bruce Seely seconded the motion and motion carried.

Ellen reported that the selectboard had agreed to hire Enman-Kesselring Consulting Engineers at a cost of \$1,500.00 to provide two layout options for the new community/fire station building to offer to the selectboard (1. a standalone building and 2. repurpose north side of school building) assess traffic circulation, parking, water supply, wastewater disposal, storm water implications and any necessary permits needed for either project scenario.

Ellen thanked the School Committee for attending this evenings meeting and wanted to share the direction that the new building may be taking. Engineering study will help to determine the most feasible and financial route to present to the Selectboard.

School Group will be meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> to begin narrowing down some school use options and hope to get paperwork going on a feasibility study of the building. Grants are available for this study up to \$30,000.00 with a 25% match. School Groups objective is to get the building functional and useable.

Both committee member groups reviewed preliminary drawings for both the standalone building and using the back 2/3 of the existing school house to add a new community room and fire station. Current meeting room would be filled in and new addition would be at ground level to make it handicap accessible.

Brief discussion of health/mold issues in school building. Nancy will contact VLCT Insurance to see if they can assess the building for current value. Nancy will add item to next selectboard agenda to hire company to obtain a mold inspection and remediation plan.

Appears that both committees are working toward similar goals and it was very beneficial to have everyone together to discuss these options. Committee members were thanked for their time and interest in these projects,

Next meetings will be on November 14th & 28th at 6:00 pm at the Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

Nancy Robinson,  
Clerk