

Town of Bridgewater
Committee to Save the Bridgewater Village School Building
Minutes of February 6, 2018

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Location: Bridgewater Grange Hall
Date: February 6, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at approximately 5:38 PM by Hank Smith

Present: Hank Smith, Collen Doyle, William Young, Vicky Young, Marge duMond, and Joni Kennedy

Visitors: Zachariah Ralph from Sustainable Woodstock

***** Additions/Changes to the Agenda *****

Hank Smith – Will present an overview of two reports regarding the Bridgewater Village School Building at 7313 US Route 4, Bridgewater, VT:

Welcome to Marge duMond who has been formally approved as our newest Committee member by the Select Board.

Reviewed and approved Minutes of December 5, 2017 and January 18, 2018 Meeting. Collen Doyle made the motion to approve the minutes and Bill Young seconded it.

Hank Smith – Presented an overview of two reports regarding the Bridgewater Village School Building at 7313 US Route 4, Bridgewater, VT:

- 1) Vermont Department of Public Safety/Division of Fire Safety and Fire Inspection Report Results
- 2) KD Associates Environmental Consulting and Contracting re: Mold/Moisture Inspection

The meeting with Robert Haynes of Green MT Economic Dev. Corp. has been rescheduled for February 27th at 4:00 pm regarding the Community Development Block Grant – Planning Grant/Village Designation.

Zack Ralph asked if we have explored the idea of low income housing. Zach mentioned that Twin Pines might be a resource if interested in pursuing that

option. Zach also presented about solar panels on the roof for an enhanced energy plan as a possibility.

Discussion regarding several schools/historic buildings in Bradford, Poultney and New Hampshire that have been repurposed and reused and serve their community. Claremont has a – Co-working space.

Continued study of community reuse, repurpose, revitalization of historic buildings and icons in Villages and downtown areas. We will reach out to several organizations to get more insight and an overview of the different projects and revitalization that is taking place across the state.

A community member presented the idea of a full care facility for elders/seniors who no longer can remain in their homes. It would give our residence a place in town where they could go allowing them to stay close to home and family.

Here are some of the ideas that were narrowed down:

Re-Purpose and Re-Use

- 1) Meeting House for Town /Multi-Purpose Community Center/ Emergency Shelter for Town
- 2) Cultural Arts/Enrichment Center, after school Activity Center
- 3) Educational Classes, Trade, Tech, Musical, Arts, Yoga
- 4) Adult/Child Daycare
- 5) Laundromat
- 6) Post Office
- 7) Pop up Maker Space

We will be having a special meeting on March 1, 2018 at 4:30 PM at the Bridgewater Grange Hall to discuss and review the grant presentation.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is on March 6, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Bridgewater Grange Hall.

Vicky Young was formally appointed as our Co-Clerk. Bill Young made the motion to approve and Collen seconded it.

Thank you to Zach Ralph for joining us and sharing his thoughts and ideas.

Hank Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

The Committee meets once a month on the **first Tuesday of every month at the Bridgewater Grange Hall at 5:30 pm.**

We invite community members to join us at our monthly meetings as we welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Kennedy