

Minutes
West Tisbury Space Needs Committee
MARCH 26, 2007

Present: Chuck Hodgkinson, Sue Hruby, Bea Phear, Bob Schwartz, Joe Eldredge, Kent Healy, Hermine Hull, Kathy Loeb, Les Cutler and guests Glenn Hearn, Joannie Ames, and Jim Osmundsen

Chuck opened the meeting at 8:00 AM at the Howes House.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of February 26, March 3, March 5, March 9, March 12-13, and March 19 were approved as amended.

FinCom

Chuck reported that he and Kathy attended the FinCom meeting. They voted 4-1 in favor of the Space Committee's article. Their questions revolved around how the committee arrived at the \$150,000 figure and how Town Meeting would make its decision.

April 4 Public Forum

There was extensive discussion and suggestions for modification of Chuck's draft power point. It was assumed this is the proxy for the presentation on Town Meeting floor, which will be the same information, abbreviated. The presentation was adjusted to focus more clearly on the fact that the committee has one recommendation and is explaining why others were rejected.

Kent asked how we respond if the proposal is rejected or someone from the floor asks why we are not just fixing up piecemeal. Les suggested it is unethical to take a position that we patch up town hall in order to subvert the disabilities act in order to save money. Other comments were: it is more efficient and cost effective to do all at once with bonded money; there is not enough space without the third floor; and the repair costs that are necessary such as new windows would trigger a code compliance mandate. Kent said this final point was not correct and that the Architectural Access Board regulations states in 3.3.1.c. "unless the work exceeds \$500,000, roof repair or replacement, window repair or replacement, repointing and masonry repair work, are exempt."

It was decided to delete references to other sources of possible funding (such as sell town hall or the Lamberts Cove Road site) as this was not in our charge. Chuck will say the Committee found no good alternate use for the building and would recommend disposal.

Les urged that the new town hall option be presented as 5,000 square feet only. It was decided to keep it as a range.

Chuck reported that in conversation with Pat Gregory he learned that the order will be the statement of the warrant article, the Committee motion to amend, vote on the amendment,

then vote on the article. If someone wants to amend differently, that would be voted before the final article.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Beatrice Phear
Approved: April 2, 2007