

Townshend Select Board Minutes
Special Joint Meeting with the Townshend Planning Commission and the
Town Hall Renovation Committee
November 12, 2008

Select Board:

Kit Martin, Chairman; Brud Sanderson; Carole Melis; Alene Evans arrived at 4:40; Joe Juhasz, absent

Planning Commission:

Art Monette; Susan LeCours arrived at 4:45

Town Hall Renovation Committee:

Tiz Garfield; Tom Lyman; Pamela Horn arrived at 4:55

Architect:

Mark Wesner of Keefe & Wesner, Architects, P.C.

1. Call To Order: Martin called the meeting to order at 4:35 P.M., and recognized Tiz Garfield, who introduced Mark Wesner. Following a brief overview of building code and compliance issues at the Town Hall, centering upon the utility of the 2nd story front porch, the need for a fire suppression system, and ADA access to all parts of the building, Wesner presented two draft proposals. General discussion ensued concerning the differences between those proposals, with particular emphasis upon: the installation of a sprinkler system, an airlock at the main entrance door and/or fire door at the top of the stairs to the main auditorium; the location and construction parameters of a wheelchair lift to the second floor; the size and location of additional vault space; energy efficiency upgrades; use of the second story front porch; historic preservation, permits and possible grant money; new bathroom locations; and vehicle parking options at both the front and rear of the Hall.

Tiz Garfield asked those present if one proposed design seemed preferable to the other, and by consensus, design "A" was chosen. Both designs will be given to the Town Clerk for keeping and public review.

Mark Wesner said that he would continue researching and designing electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems, examine the structure of the second story front porch, and explore options in meeting State regulations. He was thanked for his efforts by all.

2. Adjournment: Melis moved to adjourn at 5:30 P.M., seconded by Sanderson and unanimously carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, secretary

