

Town Office Building Committee
Regular Meeting of Thursday, September 20, 2012

Chairman Jim Lally called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: Jim Lally, George Keithan, David Gross and Gina Regolo.

Absent: Lou Annino, Sr

Visitor present: Daniel Haas

David Gross made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 21, 2012 and the Special Meeting held July 10, 2012. George Keithan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Gina Regolo reminded the group of the Board of Finance's request for our committee's annual report for the fiscal year July 2011 through June 2012. She offered to draft the report and bring it to the next meeting for the committee's review.

The committee considered and discussed the most recent request from the Board of Selectmen regarding the recent referendum results.

Jim Lally polled the members in attendance to confirm that all would be willing to continue to serve.

The committee discussed possible reasons for the failure including the expense, the timing, the scope, the type of information presented, the misinformation that was circulating, etc.

George Keithan suggested that perhaps we limited ourselves by telling the architect what we needed and wanted and that perhaps given Brian Humes' vast experience designing municipal buildings, that we might have inadvertently cut ourselves off from other possibilities for meeting our needs. He further suggested that we get a proposal from Brian for alternative designs for a more modest but permanent solution.

The committee discussed the most recent weather event and the continuing problems with leaks in the modular roof and delamination of the siding. These problems will not go away and over time will add to the repair costs of the "do nothing" option. David Gross reminded the committee of the need to address the

question of “repair versus replacement” again. He suggested that we solicit a proposal from an independent structural engineer for a complete structural analysis of the modular so that we have a solid understanding of repair costs associated with the existing temporary structures.

Visitor David Haas asked to be allowed to speak and suggested that we contact some of the modular building associations to help us deal the renovations questions.

The committee voted unanimously to ask the Board of Selectmen for authorization to solicit the two proposals and once received would return to them with further recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Regolo
Acting Recording Secretary