

Town Hall Preservation Committee

Council Chambers, 35 Main Street

April 24, 2024

Attendance: James Sullivan, André Garron, Bruce Thomas, Dana Pendergast, Leann McLaughlin

The meeting began at 5:02PM.

Leann updated the committee on the Heritage Commission bringing in a Preservationist to walk through the Old Town Hall. Dana discussed more about this meeting as he and Bruce were present for this walk through. The Heritage Commission's idea is to turn the addition side into a museum and connect the library to the main building. Dana stated that it is not possible to connect the two buildings. Dana emphasized to the Heritage Commission that any changes must go through the Town Council.

André stated that Council will need to provide input because at one time, that side was going to be for revenue-based use (ex. office space). Jim stated that since the library now has the archives, there is extra room for display at the Prescott Library building. It was emphasized that the use of the Old Town Hall is for a Meeting Room.

André would like to find out which use would actually give us the best chance to obtain grant funds. Dana said that the Preservationist did mention a few funding opportunities. Leann will reach out to him.

Bruce recommended not starting from scratch for the RFP as the current drawings don't show utilities, but we can incorporate the drawings we have into the RFP.

Leann will research funding opportunities and determine the requirements for those, possibly utilizing the most recent quote we received in 2022. Also, Leann will draft a letter to the Heritage Commission recommending that if they should have interest in the preservation of the Old Town Hall to apply to join the Town Hall Preservation Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by

Leann McLaughlin