

Bow Community Building Committee Meeting

March 19, 2024 7 pm

Bow Municipal Building 10 Grandview Road Bow, NH 03304

Present:

Committee Members: Colleen Hunter, Matt Poulin, Danielle Albushies, Janet Shaw, Brian Murphy, Mike Mayo

Representatives: Eleana Colby (Interim Selectboard Rep), Darcy Little (Bow Park and Rec), Chris Andrews (Bow Facility Manager), Thomas Betteridge (Building and Facility Committee)

1. Call to Order with Meeting starting at 7 pm
2. 4 members of the public present at the onset of the meeting, engaging in various topics of discussion
3. Approval of minutes from meeting 2/12/2024
4. Old Business
 - a. Website: Up and running. Plan to move to a more accessible location on the town website. We should be referring people to the website for reliable information.
5. New Business
 - a. Results and Comments at annual Town meeting.
 - i. Shared our excitement that the warrant articles passed to transfer money to the capital reserve fund for a future project involving the community center. Matt Poulin did a great job fielding the few questions asked at the town meeting. He communicated that our committee's goal is to save not advocate for a bond.
 - ii. Mike Mayo and Darcy Little are working on providing data regarding current utilization of the building
 - iii. Recommendation for future email to go out with the status of Bcc
 - b. Review and Prioritize Next steps
 - i. Review of timeline: Based on this committee's findings and recommendations Chris Andrews will need to present a budget to the CIP Committee in July regarding the future of the community center building.
 - ii. At the request of the public from the listening sessions, 3 proposed plans from HL Turner make use of the space where the old fire station was demolished in Concept #1. Each of the 3 proposed plans were reviewed with pros and cons of each. Colleen will reach out to HL Turner to ask for an estimate of cost for these proposed plans. The committee agreed that all would be above the cost of Concept #1 which brings the current building up to code and does not restructure the space as in the updated proposals.
 - iii. Motions to Review the 3 Concepts as presented at listening sessions and on our saved video presentation on the committee website to see if any committee members would like to see changes to the existing Concepts. In addition, we need to have fewer concepts to present to town organizations and the public at large.

- iv. Concept #1 : Bring existing building up to code and demolish old fire station.
Motion to retire this concept: 5 Yes, 1 No.
- v. Concept #2: Demolish current building and build a new building on the same site. **Motion to leave concept as is: Unanimous Yes**
- vi. Concept #3: Build new building on Lot #68. **Motion to discuss options to decrease the square footage and bring the cost down. Unanimous Yes** .
Colleen will reach out to HL Turner to discuss these options. Bill and Dan from HL Turner will be invited to the next meeting.
- vii. Once our Concepts are further refined more community outreach will be needed to see what the town wants: Men's Club, BAC, Instructors, Seniors, Families, etc.
- c. Group will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.
- d. **Motion to adjourn with Unanimous Yes at 8:30**

Submitted 3/24/24 by Danielle Albushies