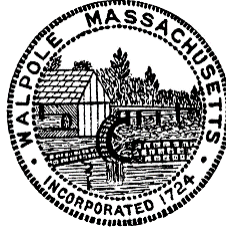


Approved on 3/6/18

Members

Richard Pilla, Chair
Cliff Barnes, Vice Chair
Christine Cochrane, Secretary
Ron Fucile
Beth Pelick
Mark Trudell
Roger Turner



Town Hall Re-Use Committee
Walpole Town Hall
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A meeting of the Walpole Town Hall Re-Use Committee was held on **February 13, 2018** at 6:30pm in the Executive Conference Room in Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance:

Richard Pilla, Chair
Cliff Barnes, Vice Chair
Christine Cochrane, Secretary
Ron Fucile
Roger Turner
Mark Trudell

The following member was not in attendance:

Beth Pelick

The following guests were in attendance:

Marc Romeo - Support Member
Sam Obar - Support Member

Richard Pilla calls the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Minutes January 9, 2018

Ron Fucile makes a motion to accept and approve the minutes of 1/9/18. Cliff Barnes seconds the motion. **The motion is approved 6-0-0.**

Funding for Environmental Assessment

Mark Trudell reports 15,000 has been put before Capitol Budget to fund this. Capitol Budget goes before FinCom on 3/5/18. Mr. Trudell will get guidance on which meeting of the Capitol Budget to go to to give a presentation. Currently this request is on the warrant for Capitol Budget as a line item for free cash. Further if the Spring TM approves the request the monies will be available at the close of TM and we will not have to wait until 7/1/18.

Schedule site tours to performance/exhibition venues

Marc Romeo reports he would like to schedule more than just a walk through. He explains he would like the Committee to also see the journey these Old Town Buildings went through, what roadblocks did they face?

TOURS

1. **TCAN** - Natick, MA - Performing Arts Center - Summer Street - Converted Fire Station - Built in 1890 - 300 seats Mr. Romeo is working on the availability - Close comparison - How did they make it work and continue to work
2. **Amazing Arts Center** - Framingham, MA - Town owned - Music, Visual Arts, Classes - 300 seats
3. **Franklin Black Box Theatre** - 15W Central Street, Franklin, MA - Highly successful - Has seating for live performances as well as a big function business

Mr. Romeo reports we can tour Franklin and Framingham soon. Mr. Romeo is excited to tour and meet with the Natick facility. He feels the people in Natick will be a great resource of information because the individuals who started it are still there and can provide insight. Mr. Romeo will email the committee members with available dates and each member will respond to set up the various tour dates. Mr. Romeo also emphasizes a Liquor License needs to be tied to this project. He feels the ability to have a bar for functions is crucial. He further states the EDC is in ownership of 5 new Liquor Licenses to distribute in the Downtown Business District. Further, Mr. Romeo will contact the EDC and request the process to officially get in the game for one of these licenses for the Old Town Hall ReUse. Mr. Romeo would like to explore this with the EDC who has selection rights and then the BOS must approve.

Old Town Hall Presentation

Roger Turner reports he has created floor plans of what they may have looked like when the Town Hall was originally built. Mr. Turner invites all the committee members to attend a presentation on Old Town Hall on 2/21/18 at the public library. Mr. Turner along with George Ransom, Historical Commission member and Christine Cochrane will be giving the presentation. Mr. Turner invites Mr. Pilla to also speak at the presentation on the ReUse.

New Business

Mr. Trudell Reports the expense for Oil/Gas over the last 9 years for the Old Town Hall has ranged between \$16,000 and \$9,500 with an average of \$12,000 per year. In addition the elevator maintenance contract is \$1,800 per year and \$250 twice a year is spent on generator checks.

Mr. Pilla will obtain advice on how to make a formal application to MAPC more attractive and will reach out to Mr. Christopher Skully at the MA Historical Commission to explore options. Mr. Pilla will have a response for the next meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Trudell makes a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. Mr. Barnes seconds the motion. **The motion is approved 6-0-0.**