

Minutes EDSC 8.19.15

In attendance: Steve, Matt, Pat, Amy, Katie Audrey, Suzanne

Audrey will be on medical leave for a few months as she recovers from surgery. Katie and Amy have agreed to share the chair responsibility.

Sarah Hopkins has not re-upped her membership. Carol will take her position. Annie will stay in her position as alternate.

Katie moved, Matt seconded to accept minutes of the last meeting.

BOS update: Mark Girard was not in attendance, so Audrey updated the committee. Not much to report from the BOS July 28th workshop or the 8.18.15 meeting (last night). The wording of referendum has not changed. There was no action / discussion about the Village Center plan.

Cumberland County video project/North Yarmouth segment: Audrey updated the committee. Video shots will be done on Fun Day. The company also has a list of shots they want to get around town.

Suzanne (arrived late) also updated: She has not yet gotten a shot list and a script. The company was focused on having people identified who would appear in the video. At first the idea was that four people who we'd want to represent the character of the town would be identified, but now they are thinking of asking multiple people that are on the Fun Day grounds. Suzanne said she needed to see the script first.

Adaptive Reuse and Draft Sketches of municipal campus (Matt):

There are hundreds of examples out there of what could be and what has been done elsewhere.

Matt presented some "sample drawings" of a remodeled NYMS. These sketches are ideas, not cast in stone, but they really help get some visual idea of what a remodel would look like. Very helpful.

Matt suggests that the design process in the future will certainly involve a community charrette of some sort.

Pat suggested putting out the sketches electronically in many ways. On town website, Family Network, other places. Facebook?

Through dissemination, it might be great to ask the question, What have YOU found that is compelling? To solicit other ideas or sources of adaptive reuse, and to have a

process that people can be part of. Get people talking about the possibilities that are there.

Suzanne talked about intelligently working with the existing building. You could come up with numbers that would show that a whole new building is less desirable, and far less sustainable.

EDSC has a mandate: we exist to look at economics and sustainability and make recommendations for the best and most economical things the town can do. This project helps to advance those goals and gives us our first big opportunity to do so

The proposal of an alternate plan should not be a personal thing. Not based on contentious personalities.

The report re: safety of aquifer due Sept. 1 from Seavey and Mahar. It is on schedule.

Why does adaptive reuse make sense? That is a story that needs to be told re: this redevelopment plan. LEED is a step beyond and can be hard to get; certification can be stringent. But it isn't necessary to go completely LEED to be able to do a lot with the building in terms of resourcefulness and not being wasteful.

Matt: We are getting 100% of everything by reusing that building. (space, gym, more)

Outdoor space is there that can be not just auxiliary, but purpose driven: farmers market, emergency (indoor) space. Given the footprint we are way ahead. Multiple things in the same place.

How to disseminate info: at Fun Day; electronically through Facebook; post small posters at Prince Library, Yarmouth PL; at Town Office. Skyline, Ames, Stones, more. We have to go through Debbie Grover for putting this info on Facebook. We have to go through Debbie to get the same info on the website.

The committee has a table reserved for Fun Day. Matt will produce graphics (large-scale output of the drawings): 3 , 24 x 36 boards mounted on foamcore (finish work to be done at Xpress Copy).

Matt and Suzanne will collaborate verbiage to go along with the drawings. Distributed via email to all on the committee.

The drawings are a talking point. That will be the focus of the Fun Day table.

Who will be able to help at the table that day? Besides those at the meeting, perhaps Carol, Annie, Sarah. Hours at Fun Day are ~10 AM -- ~3 PM. The table does not have to be manned at all times. Recognized that everyone is busy. However—if everyone took a small time slot we could get it done.

Ride the wave of change and emphasize the positive.

Amy: what is already on the (town) website—should we work with that? We can't ignore the brainstorming meeting ideas. Can we utilize any of that at our table? Audrey will talk to Debbie about the website and get us all an update.

Everyone is encouraged to contribute to an ongoing list of places to publicize the Development Plan and how to get people out there to reach those people.

It will be helpful to develop a calendar for developing publicity re: the Village Center plan (Amy, Katie).

Meeting adjourned by acclaim at 8:05 PM. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, in the meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Murphy