

Wescustago B&D Committee Meeting
10/26/17

Darla Hamlin
Clark Baston
Brian Sites
Paul Hodgetts
Steve Barr
Jen Smith

Donna Palmer
Steve Palmer
Katie Murphy
Matt Scott
Kevin Robinson
Steve Morrison

(Part 2 of the notes)

Darla would like to make a motion to have the building plans to the next meeting so that we may;

1. workshop to review
2. make comments
3. submit revisions to Barrett Made
4. then invite Barrett Made to discuss

Brian amended the motion to have the value engineering plans and previous plans prior so that we may look at all of them at once to understand the changes as well as Darla's four points

Paul seconded it

All in favor 6-0

"Homework for next meeting"

Discussion about the big space

Do we like the looks or is it too modern?

Group Discussion

- Brian reviewed the view from a wing to center of planned Wescustago. He felt the wings looked low and overall made the building feel uninviting
- Steve agreed and felt we need to simplify it. He is favorable to a timber frame and wants an open design with no lower wings

Steve would like to make a motion to incorporate timber frame as an option to the present Wescustago design excluding the gym.

Darla seconded it

All in favor 6-0

Matt Scott

Comment:

When talking about bidding like using Charlie as a timber farmer keep in mind as the client and the customer, you can pick your GC...don't let them pull in people you don't know. You need to be delicate obviously, but you need to stand your ground when moving forward with the construction

Steve Barr

Comment:

Steve wanted us to keep in mind that the old Wescustago building foot print is 4000 sq. ft. When we cut the occupancy for the new Wescustago, it made it smaller than the original foot print. Our plan is for only one floor while the original was two plus.

Steve Palmer

Comment:

Timber frame with a tall structure in the middle

Would like us to discuss it more

If the pitch changes then the interior is going to change too. He feels it might help with the cost factor

- Steve Barr -He would like to go back to simplifying it and it would be cheaper to the builder. Just a space just has the dividers so when its open it is large and just open
- Brian -Barrett Made was trying to break the line with the middle part being higher. He feels we need to find compromise between look at the cost
- Steve Barr – questions if there have been any costs that are padded when they shouldn't be

Agreed as a group to table the conversation until we get to see the plans again

Fund raising

Steve Barr gave us an update

- Had a meeting with Rosemary
- Discussed need for professional help -
- Discussed best practices of fund raising is to have core donors to get it off the ground
- Feels like talking to Gray Community Center planning board/committee about fund raising
- Discussed applying to for grants - community block grants

Brian told us Rosemary has reached out Robert Demont he turned us down and said he didn't think we could raise the proposed \$500,000 in 6 months.

Steve Morrison

Comment:

Gave an example using Knight's Pond

It took 20 months to raise \$500,000

It took 45 volunteers

And it went to the wire to make it happen

Steve Morrison told us that Demont is willing to come and give us 90 minutes for free

Insisting that Select Board and WBDC be there in full

Katie Murphy

Question:

Where did \$500,000 come from for fundraising?

Answer: The Select Board

Steve Morrison

Comment:

He recommends that we should not talk to anyone about anything even if the community asks us.

He recommends we go back to the Select Board and tell them we cannot do \$500,000.

(Steve Morrison cont.)

He wants us to ask Demont if he thinks \$250,000 is doable.

Motion (Action Item) - Steve Barr reach out and set up meeting with Demont and see what he thinks is the threshold in North Yarmouth. Ask Demont point blank if he thinks \$250,000 is doable. Brian will be involved in this call.

Brian would like to make a motion to have a joint workshop with Select Board

Paul seconded it

All in favor 6-0

Discussion about how to proceed with fundraising

- need a vision
- need more passion
- ask Demont can we make \$250,000 in a year in North Yarmouth fundraising
- consistent message

Next meeting November 9th

November 30th

December 14th

Meeting adjourned