

Scituate Adaptive Building Reuse Committee
Meeting Held at Town Hall. DPW Office
Meeting Minutes: February 11, 2016

Members Attending: Karen Pritchard (Chair), Larry Guilmette, Stephanie Holland, Gordon Price, Maura Dawley, Patricia Lambert, Bob DeLorenzo

Absent: Al Bangert

1. 7:05pm Meeting called to order
2. Meeting minutes for February 4th approved.
3. Doug Brown and Ashley Pressler from Durkee-Brown Architects attended the meeting to update the committee on their progress. Doug and Ashley discussed the following:
 - They spent three full days interviewing the department heads. Their discussions included the current and future programming needs of the departments. They were also asked to think about different ways to work together and share resources. They concluded that the grossing factors used in their 2013 study were consistent with their findings in this analysis for some of the departments but were low for others. Bob asked if they had the opportunity to “push back” in these discussions. Doug thought that the staff were pragmatic about what they need and were not asking for frills. One topic that they discussed was that “transaction” areas need to be designed so that staff is not distracted by business that is not their concern.
 - Doug and Ashley presented a preliminary plan that shows Town Hall, School Board, and Recreation in the Old Gates Building with the B and A wings removed. The Senior Center would be built as a stand-alone building in the spot where the soccer fields are currently located. This location is considered attractive because of the ability to provide ample parking, traffic management, proximity to Town Hall, and the inherent benefits of southern exposure (one of John Catlin’s goals.)
 - The committee asked that the Architects more fully develop this concept and agreement to meet again on March 17th. We also agreed to invite the Board of Selectman to this meeting.
4. The committee discussed the Public Information session held on 2/6. The turnout was about 30 citizens with good participation in the discussion.
5. No new business.
6. Meeting adjourned @ 9pm

