

MINUTES - SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in-person at Barnet Fire & Rescue Station (151 Bimson Drive). This meeting was recorded via Microsoft Teams.

Board members participating in-person: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates (presiding co-chair), and Mark Jefferson.

Other Town officials and employees participating in-person: Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

Other Town officials and employees participating remotely via Microsoft Teams: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

Members of the public participating in-person: William Graves

Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting: John Hemmelgarn (Black River Design) and Rollin Tait (Black River Design).

1. Consideration of, and take any action on, next steps in Town Hall project

a. Meeting with Black River Design

The Board met with Black River Design to discuss project costing and future steps in the project process, as summarized below:

- Costing Presentation by Black River Design
 - ◆ Review of Reference Documents
 - Schematic Plans - done
 - Outline Specification – done
 - Structural Engineer’s mark-up – done
 - Civil Engineer’s mark-up- done
 - Historic element coordination
 - ◆ Yet-to-Understood Issues
 - Schedule and timing vs. costs
 - Availability of trades – building mover
 - Mechanical system (allowance)
 - Parking area spec and requirements (hardpack allowance)
 - ◆ The Costing
 - Construction (Estes & Gallup) – costing based on documents above
 - Electrical (Jeremy Roberts and St. Johnsbury Academy students) materials cost plus free labor
 - Contingency
 - Soft costs – consultant fees, permits, etc.
- Discussion
 - ◆ Lighting options and funding, including consideration of involvement of Efficiency Vermont.
 - ◆ Provision of, and access to, attic space for ventilation and mechanical.

- ◆ Secondary egress for lower level and definition of storage and low occupancy use.
- ◆ Barnet Historical Society use of lower level, including moisture control requirements.
- Actions
 - ◆ The Board agreed on the following actions:
 - To authorize Estes & Gallup to proceed with actions (e.g., schedule building mover) to move building and place on new foundation with target completion date of December 2023.
 - The Board will review costing information and forward questions regarding this to Mr. Tait.
 - Black River Design will schedule an in-house meeting with the mechanical engineering firm to discuss HVAC options.
 - A Selectboard meeting with Black River Design and Estes & Gallup will be planned to occur within the next few weeks to discuss the costing estimate, HVAC systems and other relevant information.
 - Regular progress reports will be given at Selectboard meetings.

b. Other business

No other business was discussed.

2. Other business presented by Selectboard

No other business was presented by the Selectboard.

3. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

A true copy. Attest. _____ *Town Clerk*