

Belgrade 2009 Building Committee

August 5, 7:00 PM Belgrade Town Office Meeting Results

Attendance

Those members in attendance were: Conrad Shaw, Michael Barrett, Leanne Court, Valton Wood, Chris Scott, Gregory Keene, Gordon Pow and Brent Krizo

Absent were: Dennis Keschl, ad-hoc member, Dan Newman and Ernie Merckens

This represented a quorum for the conduct of official business.

Non-committee members present were: Penny Morrell, Howard Hollinger, Peggy and Paul Lessard, Loyce Hayslett and Pat Pow

Review Old Business

- A. The minutes of July 22, 2009 were approved.

New Business

A. Warrant Article Verbiage – Gordon Pow

Gordon reviewed language but felt committee should look into the target date for a possible special election or wait for Town Meeting. The committee needs to be absolutely prepared with at least a 45 day lead time for public education. The type of meeting will help to determine article language. More time is needed for fact development.

B. Public Education Program-Brent Krizo

Some suggestions made were:

- Meet with individuals who are group leaders including those who have not been behind the project
- Must reach entire town and address concerns of all groups in many, varied ways
- This committee must be the source of correct information
- Handouts could be given in small groups with a blog address or website for them to respond
- Need an in-depth packet, possibly the power point
- We must enlist an army of helpers – talk with folks now and ask for their assistance in calling in November, then give

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them a reminder call.

- Special town meetings must have scheduled hearings
- Call all four stakeholders together, educate them and it will be their responsibility to talk to individuals. They should also be on a subcommittee to help with the educational plan.
- Get evaluation, debt service figures, etc. to assist in the overall picture

**For next meeting, bring names of town leaders you think we should include in the educational plan
Brent will be working on these ideas for the next meeting.**

C. Grant Opportunities going forward

A .The warrant article's dollar amount will include money to hire a grant writer. Upon passage of the warrant article, which will show town support, grants will be easier to pursue.

D. Final Cost Estimates for 4 buildings –Chris Scott

The suggestion was made to identify spaces by length and width rather than square footage which may be easier for people to identify with. Chris has worked with Richard Reed and listed what he needs to make the final report. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business

Conrad shared plans for a neighboring new Town Office, built on a slab, approximately 4,400 square feet. It is made of brick and uses green technologies. He shared a cost estimate.

Comments made by guests included:

In the printed information, include what this project “does for me”. Use the top “sizzling points” and send them to the web for more information. Don’t give an overload of information.

Also define a range of home evaluations and give tax increase. Marketing is critical here.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12th at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Pow, Recording Secretary