

# Belgrade Building Committee

## Results of the December 3, 2008 Meeting

**1.** A regularly scheduled meeting was held on December 3, 2008 at 6:00 PM, at the Town Office. Those members in attendance were: Dennis Purington, Rene Burdet, Lani Carlson, Conrad Shaw, Gordon Pow. Ad hoc member: Dennis Keschl

Absent were Peter Gagne, Dan Newman. Ad hoc member Spike Carey

This represented a quorum for the conduct of official business.

Non-committee members present were: Marcia Haigh, Loyce Hayslett and Pat Pow representing the Belgrade Public Library; Nan Mairs of the Belgrade Historical Society; Linda Higgins and Judy Johnson of the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library were also in attendance.

### **2. Old Business: The following actions were taken:**

- a. Reviewed and approved the Results of the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting.
- b. Reviewed the architect's renderings – all copies should be laminated. We will need 4 more easels for displaying the large copies of the floor plan, site plan and the exterior renderings.

### **3. New Business:**

- A. In regard to the warrant article asking for \$75,000 to fund final design, engineering and permitting studies; at the Town Budget Meeting on November 15, the Select Board voted 4 for, and 1 against, for the Municipal Building Complex. The Budget Committee voted 3 for the project and 2 against. One issue of concern for the Budget Committee is the inclusion of the Belgrade – Rome Food Pantry. The Food Pantry volunteers and the Select Board will work on a warrant article identifying a contractual agreement with the organization and the town. The lack of formal support of the town of Rome is also a concern.
- B. Reviewed a letter sent from Jack Sutton of the Budget Committee to Gordon Pow. Jack was concerned about the economic times and the cost of the project for the town of Belgrade. Dennis K. added that although the budget is up 7%, there is the possibility that the budget will end up less than last year's and that is with the \$75,000 article. The group discussed that although the economy is down; surprisingly it is a good time to build. The job for the committee is to concentrate on the public education, explaining the reasons why this is a good time to build.

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Dennis K. suggested writing down concerns we hear as we talk to folks so that we can process them. The committee also reviewed a letter from Gordon to Jack in response to his concerns.

### C. Public Education Work

We will meet on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to work on the Education Outline, Strategy and Possible January dates.

1. Run through the Power Point
2. Conrad will be able to print out the larger copy if he receives the smaller PDF
3. Would like 3 types of public hearings, one formal, one informal and also small groups such as the Lions Club, etc.
4. Possible display at the next two suppers, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>.
5. Use North Belgrade, Depot and Lakes for sites for the presentations.
6. All 4 stakeholders will need to participate in the presentations in order to effectively answer questions concerning their portion.
7. Will need to prepare a brochure for a handout.

D. Property acquisition still hinges on a signature. The Friends attorney is working to complete this as soon as possible.

E. Other. Pat has been talking with Rob Sherman from the UMA School of Architecture. They have been in contact with Richard Reed and will meet Dennis K., Rene, and Loyce at the property on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. One of his students will be working on a building model which will be ready in early January.

Adjournment – Next meeting Date: December 17, 2008 at 6 pm at the Town Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Gordon R. Pow, Chairperson