

Calais Town Hall Renovation Committee Meeting Notes
February 14, 2019

FUTURE MEETINGS: Second and fourth Thursdays of the month

Generous donation

Denise and Roger Wheeler donated \$5,000 to the town hall renovation. “Thank you” is not adequate, but much appreciation goes to Denise and Roger for all they do for the town, including this amazing amount of \$\$!

Blown-in air sealant

Charles Carpenter, Efficiency VT, wants to be on site when air sealant is blown in. Cost estimated at \$2,500. This insulation method was not in budget, but Efficiency VT will pay \$500 to \$750 toward cost. \$1,100 is in Green Line Builders quote. Committee agreed that heat savings over the long term is worth the expense.

Construction update

Now that addition is closed in, work will start on interior, schedule is being set up for subcontractor work. Green Line aims for dry wall March 1. Metal posts to hold up front porch are being painted by John McCullough. Warm board from Oregon has been delivered to Ernie Parrish’s shop in Montpelier. Ernie, Andy Felice and John McCullough will transfer to town hall. Ernie and John plan to empty one of the containers by moving old pew pieces that will be repurposed to the hall upstairs. Removing one container will save \$90/month. Volunteers could assist with the transfer of “stuff.”

Septic

State permit has been received and recorded in town record books. John has contacted Engineer Don Marsh about receiving the septic design. Town highway dept. employees will install the tanks. Parking plan depends on location of septic.

Planning for DRB Hearing

Hearing to be scheduled after septic design received, parking plan developed and items below addressed:

- Site plan from Don Marsh (John to follow up)
- Parking plan from John (with committee review once developed)
 - Address parking for big events
- Support from EMFD
- Mitigation plan to address concerns re: gravel going into brook from parking lot
- Lighting (color of lighting [soft/old fashioned]); light on existing pole will be replaced – this light currently stays on all night and that will continue; other lights are at entries and can be put on timers.
- Noise – subcommittee to address sound when events are held
- Support letters from neighbors and/or their attendance at DRB hearing

- Generic letter for neighbors to sign or one letter with all their signatures; Donna to create list of town hall neighbors.
- Important for new organization (theater group, Friends of group) to be at hearing.

Finishing Wood Floors

Fitch floors estimate to sand and finish with 3 coats oil-base finish: \$4,350. This expense has not been budgeted. Entry onto wood floor from outside will have a metal grate to help pick up dirt/mud.

Next meeting Thursday, February 28, 8am, Town Office. Last meeting before Town Meeting.

Notes by Donna