

TOWN OF HEBRON
HEBRON ACADEMY COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
COMMUNITY HALL - HEBRON CHURCH BASEMENT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Larochelle, Paul Hazelton, Mark Coulson, Patrick Moriarty, Martha Twombly, Ivan Quinchia, Trip Swartz, Ellie Lonske

OTHERS PRESENT: Norman Larson - Architect, George Bolln, Bill Cummings, Paula Cummings, Bruce Barnard, Jinny Barnard, Sandra Cummings, Mavis Brittelli, David Brittelli, Barbara Quinchia, Bob Brooks, John Dunklee, Audrey Johnson, Suzanne Young, Maynard Young, George Dengel, Alan Baker, Donald, Franklin, Nadine Hession, Mark Hession, Alan Kent, Linda Kriss, Phil Kriss, Alison York, Art Cummings, Mark Connor, Phil Twombly, Betsy Twombly, Jerry Lauther, Madeleine MacDougall, Everett Begor, Andy Twombly, Tracey Steembergen

Chair Roger Larochelle opened the forum at 7:00, introduced the Committee members and the architect, and then made introductory remarks about the purpose of the forum, progress to date, and projected timetable for the Hebron Academy rehabilitation and expansion project.

Committee members and architect Norman Larson then presented and spoke to:

- Concerns Addressed - Ellie Lonske
- Design Development, Site Issues, Next Steps - Norman Larson
- Cost of Doing Nothing - Ivan Quinchia
- Budget and Funding - Patrick Moriarty
- Fund Raising - Martha Twombly
- Project Timetable - Roger, Patrick, Trip

The PowerPoint slides (in pdf format) are on the Town of Hebron web site at:

[http://hebronnh.org/resources/documents/town-offices-planning/Hebron Academy Presentation 092415 final.pdf](http://hebronnh.org/resources/documents/town-offices-planning/Hebron%20Academy%20Presentation%20092415%20final.pdf)

Q&A Session:

- Recommendation: Install a full basement under the Academy and addition for storage and support; insulate inside and outside. Use existing stone foundation for veneer and frost protection.
- Recommendation: Need long-term fix for tipping of the foundation stones.
Response: Agreed. In addition, the building needs to be preserved from both the moisture problems and high heating costs associated with the existing crawl space.
- Response to question on heating system: high efficiency heat pumps: small outside units with minimal impact on the site.
- Response to question on humidity control in basement storage of records: there would be heat and humidity control in the basement.
- Response to questions about prices going up by 2017-2018, so why not build now to take advantage of lower prices: plans aren't ready to bid yet; the Committee wants to proceed in a measured and reasonable way with time to set aside money, raise money, complete plans and go to bid.
- Response to question on where the Select Board office would be housed during construction: the Town would rent an office trailer or house near the Hebron Common; meeting spaces not a problem (Church basement, Public Safety Building, etc).

- Response to question as to why not build a Town Hall on the Rogers property since it was purchased for that purpose: the Academy building was the Village School at the time and so was not a viable option. The Community-wide Design Charrette found that the community wanted town offices located around the Common to preserve Hebron Village as the vital center of the community, and wanted the historic buildings preserved by keeping them in active use.
- Response to objection to adding to an historic building: the best way to save an historic building is to let it evolve as the needs of the community change over time. Our ancestors constantly added to and reused buildings as a matter of practicality.
- Response to concerns about parking: parking would be shifted to the front of the addition so as to showcase the historic Academy, but there would be no reduction in the number of parking spaces near the Academy building, and there is plenty of other parking around the Common.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Lonske