

Minutes of the 101 Mill Road Committee January 20th, 2016

Member Attendees

Curtis Barton
Louise Cryts
Hugh Evans
Bill Griffin
Brian Latina
Sara Pereira

Member Absentees:

Janet Askenburg (BOS liaison)

Members of the Public in attendance:

Dave Sperry

A quorum being present, Bill called the meeting to order at 7:07. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:08 Public Input:

None.

7:10 Approval of Minutes

It was noted that the Town of Lincoln owns the Pierce House while the Historical Society deals with the building. The minutes are unclear on these points. We will discuss this later in the meeting.

There was one spelling change suggested for the Minutes of January 6th. A motion to approved them (Brian/Hugh) passed 5-0-1.

7:10 Committee reports

Gary Persichetti, DPW chief, briefed the Committee on his progress in getting a contractor to inspect the 101 Mill Building. He contacted Daigle engineering, who had worked on the Old Fire Station. They contacted Dale Gienap, who has preservation experience in school buildings. Gienap Engineering's quote is \$14,900. Gary hasn't reviewed the bid in detail. He will reach out to the engineering company to set up a meeting. We will get to whatever works. We need to evaluate the SOW – 1st floor ADA compliance; no elevators, per the Committee. Representatives of the Committee will meet with DPW and the Gienap Engineering representative. We will plan to do this the 29th. We will meet at the DPW, and can go to the building.

Bill then outlined our four main points for the meeting:

- 1) Structural analysis of all floors
- 2) ADA perimeter and first floor
- 3) Access and suitability
- 4) Upstairs analysis and basement evaluation

We need to mention the possible uses of the facility. Our goal is to get as much as possible for our \$7,000. We need to point out the front façade, water in the basement, and dry rot at the entrance. Note: this will not be a public meeting.

Louise and Sara reported on their continuing investigation of the venue option. They have a written report. Their meeting with the Lincoln representative went well. He wants to see our house. Louise and Sara did get a view of the finances. They have a budget of \$40,000. They make more than that. The Lincoln facility – the Pierce House – is larger than 101 Mill. They can do inside weddings. They have a person living in the facility. Note: so does 99 Mill. Whether the School Department will want to share the facility is an issue.

Sara and Louise report that the Pierce House has been in use for many years. Our facility will take time to grow. The Pierce House is near own facilities in Lincoln, and is also used for gatherings. Louise and Sara will find out when he could look at 101 Mill. The Committee discussed whether the Town could team with 99 Mill. It's still early to approach 99 Mill. The 99 Mill group is working to make it more available to the public. It is OK to refer to the 99 Mill property when working with the Lincoln representative.

Sara will forward results of the visit and will vet the details of the report that can be released. She will also coordinate a visit to 101 Mill when the weather is better.

8:10 Decision Matrix

Curtis and Sara reviewed the process and results of their work on the decision matrix. Weighting is always an issue. For example, how important is making money? We feel that historical significance should also be high. An error will be fixed in a revision. For School Department uses, there is a difference we will have to note between administrative and public access for Community Education. The Committee will digest the data and it will be discussed in later meetings.

We need to have a map or rendering of the public garden option to clarify what is meant. We also will need property preservation requirements. Drones are a concern for the property. We don't want to encourage them.

8:55 Adjourn

The LL06 room has been reserved with the Fire Department. A motion to adjourn to the 3rd of February at 7PM in Town offices LL06 (Brian/Hugh) passed 6-0-0. The

next meetings are the 3rd, and the 17th of February, and the 2nd, 16th, and 30th of March.