

Town of Cornwall
Capital Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 2016
6:00 PM

Present: Stu Johnson, Magna Dodge, Ben Wood, Sue Johnson

Also Present: Ashar Nelson, Bobbie Carnwath

Quorum achieved.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Ben Wood/Magna Dodge moved to approve the agenda. The motion carried on voice vote.

Ashar Nelson asked for an overview of the movement forward and about any public input at Town Meeting. The article passed to borrow \$250,000. There was little discussion about the project. The designs were on hand at Town Meeting.

Bobbie Carnwath did ask about solar panels being installed on the south facing roof at Town Meeting. Ben Wood indicated that the solar panels were not part of the project at this point. Bobbie C. was present at this meeting primarily to encourage the installation of solar panels. There was discussion about what would be needed to install the panels as far as inverters and other hardware. There was discussion about the fact that the panels will add load to the building, although, removing the slate and adding standing seam metal roofing would remove some of the existing weight on the structure. Ben Wood pointed out that the payback would be over 15 years. Ashar indicated that steps can be done during the construction that would allow for the installation after the fact, such as increasing the clips on the new roof and putting conduit to the roof. It was suggested that this might be a good project for a private fundraising campaign.

Ashar indicated that the construction market is very busy right now, so he would like approval to go ahead with the design so he can finalize plans and numbers to be able to put the job out to bid in August. He did point out that with the addition of the new roof and doing the buttress work in the basement the cost of the project will go up. VIA was given the go ahead to finalize plans and prepare a bid document. It was also decided that the construction would begin in the middle of November, after the General Election is done.

Logistics of doing the work in the building and moving the library and back room materials was discussed. It was suggested that Dennis Smith, MUHS football coach could be contacted for some community service work in moving books and materials to another location yet to be determined.

Sue Johnson indicated that there is a cultural facilities grant available for up to \$30,000. Sue will look into that possibility and talk to Troy Hickman. Ashar Nelson will contact Efficiency Vermont to apply for a grant through them for a number of items, such as lighting.

Next step will be for VIA to create a timeline and amend the current contract. Ashar talked about creating an electronic record of each proceeding. The Committee will meet next in May on a date yet to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson,
Clerk