

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUILDING PROPOSAL
Tuesday, October 10, 2000
7:00 p.m.

Present: Willis Lord, Brenda Charland, Scott Morelli, Pam Witman, Carol Cochran, Deb Wentworth, Tim Neill, Teresa & Dusty Lowell, Don Day, Wendy Carter, Steve Kasprzak, Jack Hewes, Shawn Shoemaker, John Einsiedler, Beth Cyr, Larry Jacobsen, Buddy Stearns, David Fedrizzi, and Paul L'Heureux.

Steve Kasprzak, chairman of the building committee explained the reasons for changes from the original plan. Presented three different proposals.

Plan A: Expanded from 3,200 sq. ft. to 4,342 sq. ft, unfinished second floor and would still require an elevator. Cost \$532,000 plus cost of elevator.

Plan B: Expanded from 3,200 sq. ft. to 4,477 sq. ft with unfinished second floor and would still require an elevator.

Plan C: Expanded from 3,200 sq. ft to 5,710 sq. ft., no second floor, vault proposed is 90% the size of the current vault. Cost is \$523,500 plus \$52,000 for renovations in current building for a total cost of \$573,000. The \$52,000 would be spent to reinforce the town hall floor, replace windows in the 1980 addition, paint hall and 1980 addition. This estimate does include using gravel from the town pit. Plan C allows for additional expansion without significant cost. Discussed the proposed location of employees, concerned about any employee being alone in the old building. Discussed concern with regard to the tax maps and cards. Also questioned if it would still be possible to place a Library on this property. Steve stated that to this point they have only used approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Day property. Teresa questioned having the lobby face the cemetery. Steve stated that it is currently facing south, if you place the lobby on the opposite side it would be facing north which is darker. Discussed plowing of old and new building. Discussed not having a covered walkway. Discussed the required distance from the cemetery. Shawn stated that with Plan C you will have more meeting rooms than originally proposed. Teresa questioned a lunch room in the new building. Steve stated that having it away from their work area forces them to get away from their desks even if only briefly. Shawn stated that with the new proposal, the building can expand in two directions. Steve stated that the committee would like to put flyers in the Smart Shopper prior to the vote. John Einsiedler noted that this is a concept, not a final plan. Scott stated that the referendum question removes the wording regarding the elevator only. Discussed possibly burning the Day house if it can't be moved. Steve stated that they have \$8,000 for trees and shrubs and could use some of that money to restore the site.

Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.