

Building Re-Use Committee

Meeting Minutes 4/6/2015

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Members Present: Jamie Toale, Ron Albert, Damon McQuaid, Dave MacDonald, Mike Mackin, Rebecca Lantry, Mark Erickson

Members Absent: Deb Seeley

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order April 30, 2015 @ 6:35PM

Announcements:

None

Public Comment:

Dave Rodgers expressed his opinion that the Passios building should be torn down and retained as town property

Current Business:

Workshop with School Committee

School Committee has supplied a new plan by the landscape architect showing a proposed location for expansion parking for the school project.

Dr. Berthiaume asked if a potential developer could determine a boundary line based on their needs. Ron Albert explained that typically, for an effective RFP process, and clear boundary and set of parameters is ideal.

It was explained that in order to make changes to the parking plan, approval would be needed from the MSBA

The option was also presented that the Passios building could be demolished using left over fund from the school project contingency if there are adequate funds remaining.

Dr. Berthiaume asked how we (the town) could be sure that a commercial project would be successful when other businesses in the town center have struggled. His concern being that we would end up with another vacant building in the town center. The Committee response was that adding competition and diversity to the business community would be beneficial to both new and existing businesses.

Dave MacDonald suggested that the School Committee make the decision if they want / need the Passios property. Mike Mackin responded that it has always been the plan that the school committee would turn over the parcel to the town.

The school Building Committee will check with MSBA about the limit of work line for the school project and how that relates to this discussion.

It was decided that this conversation will be continued after the results of the town meeting are known.

New Business:

Meeting Schedule:

May 18th, 6:30pm at Town Hall

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Dave MacDonald, Second Ron Albert, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:50pm