

Unity Town Office Committee Meeting		Date & Time: Wed, August 1, 2012
		Location: Firehouse
Meeting Leader: Jean Bourg Members Present: Andy Reed, Tony Avila, Lucia Picard, Penny Sampson, Ron Rudolph Observers: Jacqueline Bradeen, Charlie Porter, Lynn Lavoie, Ted Swanson, Dick Booth, Chris Rossignol, Amy Dorval, Rod McIlroy		
Item	Discussion	Action Items
Amend/approve minutes of last meeting	Minutes from July 25 meeting passed.	
Estimates on modular buildings	No new estimates	Patrick Haley and Chris Rossignol will meet with modular reps in the coming week.
Developments on MFT lot (38 School Street)	<p>Communication from John Piotti: I checked with the State and have been assured that MFT could sell the lot without it jeopardizing the CFMF grant to renovate the old Grammar School. With that news, I think there is a good chance that MFT's board may be willing to sell the property for a reasonable price as long as the new building is traditional looking and works aesthetically. (This is important because of the terms under which the property was given to MFT). The committee could submit drawings to MFT, which would be offered as a part of MFT considering whether or not to sell the property. (I could work with the committee and its architect/designer before then, if the committee so wants, to help ensure a design that I think MFT's board would be favorably inclined to approve.) Any back and forth on design with MFT would occur before the property is sold, so that there will be no surprises to the town if it decides to buy the property. I have no idea what MFT's board would be willing to sell the lot for, but I'd be comfortable proposing that they consider \$28,500, which is 50% of the value of a recent appraisal of \$57,000. I think the appraisal is an accurate reflection of the value of the lot (given the location, well, sewer, and parking lot), but I would hope MFT's board would be willing to consider 50% of that. They may not, however, because the property is now on MFT's books for \$57,000, and any sale for less money will reduce MFT's net assets. We won't know for sure until I ask. If the committee wishes to hear from me about the possibilities that I just outlined, I can come to a future meeting. I will not raise this possibility with MFT's board unless the committee is serious and we have a possible deal. (That is how MFT's board likes things done. I bring them projects that have already been thought-through and then they consider them.) Let me know what you are thinking.</p>	Lucia will get estimates on removal of the building and get DEP info governing its removal.
Option to add on to firehouse office area	<p>Tony spoke about how adding on to the existing Fire House offices would be the least expensive option, because the town owns the land and we could use the existing meeting room and bathrooms. His drawing showed how access and parking could be arranged with no hindrance of fire trucks.</p> <p>Susan Lombard told Andy that if the Town Office moved to Fire House Lane, she would only have evening hours when</p>	Invite Dennis Turner and Dave Smith to committee meeting.

	<p>there was a selectmen's meeting or a firemen's meeting.</p> <p>Charlie Porter objected strenuously to the idea.</p>	
Jackie Bradeen	<p>Observer Jackie Bradeen suggested that the selectmen should talk to the school board about use of the land behind the old high school building. She thought that board member Najean Shedyak could possibly poll other board members. Andy said that we have a good relationship with the school board and that it would be bad policy to go over the head of superintendent Heather.</p>	<p>Chris will meet with Heather to inquire about availability of the land.</p>
Aug 2 info meeting prep	<p>Jean showed an outline for the presentation to the town. Presentation will focus on three remaining locations: McAlpine Lot, MFT lot, Fire Station add-on.</p>	<p>Amy will lend a projector from the college.</p>
General Discussion Q & A with observers		