

Meeting Notes
January 11, 2018
Buildings Committee

Attendees: Liz Glidden, Jeff Muthersbaugh, Lisa Malloy, Joanne Nesti, Scott Brookes, Patrick Pinnell.

Members of the Public:

Ed Schwing, Sally and Dick Haase

Meeting opened at 6:10

Public Comment:

Sally Haase stated that she was opposed to a restaurant at the Jail. She feels it will spoil Haddam Center.

Ed Schwing asked the Committee if any members ran a restaurant. He stated that the report suggests 107 customers a day would be needed to sustain the restaurant and that seemed like a lot of people. Chairman, Jeff Muthersbaugh asked how many people would attend a museum on a daily basis. Discussion continued.

Both Jeff Muthersbaugh and Patrick Pinnell commented that the report is to serve as a baseline. It provides a comparative cost analysis of what it would cost to develop the site as a restaurant. If another end-user approaches the Town to repurpose the Jail then it would be considered. The Town is open to all options that may be viable that present themselves.

Discussion continued regarding what would be involved if a part of the jail parcel was to be cut off and conveyed to another owner. Lisa Malloy expressed some concerns about selling or deeding the Jail to another entity. She stated she would want to be sure there were protective easements on the building prior to any transfers.

Discussion continued about next steps. An Open House was suggested where the

Jail would be open to the public and any interested parties. The Committee will work with the Chamber, HHS and with EDC to hold such an event. DECD and Fuss and O'Neill will be invited. The date of April 14, 2018 9-noon was suggested.

Liz and Lisa may try to work on some Get into Jail Free cards for visitors.

Discussion regarding Scovil, the draft reports and next steps. A meeting with Tim Sullivan is in order now that we have a preliminary Marketing strategy from Camoin and a remediation cost. Meeting will hopefully be set up with First Selectman in early March.

It was mentioned that protective easements need to be placed on the Scovil buildings. It was suggested that the SHPO could assist with that, or the Town could work directly with DOT to such an end to ensure the integrity of the buildings remain.

Meeting was adjourned.