

Meeting Notes

June 29, 2017

Buildings Committee

Attendees: Emily Carrow, Liz Glidden, Jeff Muthersbaugh, Lisa Malloy, Scott Brookes, Joanne Nesti, Lizz Milardo, Jared Novinski, Patrick Pinnell.

Members of the public in attendance: approximately 21 people attended this presentation.

Jeff Muthersbaugh, chairman, made opening remarks. Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman, also made opening remarks and provided a brief history of the property. She introduced Fuss and O'Neill, the consultant for the project.

Fuss and O'Neill made the presentation which is included is uploaded onto the Town Website as *Jail presentation June 29, 2017*.

Several residents made comments about the presentation:

Art Collins commented inquired about the location and capacity of the leaching fields.

Anthony Matterazzo commented that there were many tourist attractions and that the Jail should be coupled with Gillette's Castle in East Haddam. He also suggested that the Jail could host a Halloween Spook House.

Barbara Fernandez asked how a developer could monetize the Jail if the Town continued to own it. It was clarified that the Town would have to retain ownership and the Town would do an extended lease. She also asked if the proposed uses would require a traffic light. Fuss and O'Neill responded that they did not think a traffic light on Rt. 154 would be necessary.

Sally Hess voiced her concern about additional traffic and the possibility that a restaurant with a bar could lead to additional drinking and driving.

Ed Schwing stated that he felt a museum is more in harmony with tourism and other attractions in the area. He suggested that federal grants might be available.

If the building is not going to be a museum he suggested the town should do nothing with the building since it isn't costing the Town anything.

Mark Lungren suggested that a possible use could be a high tech business incubator.

Steve Rocco stated that the cell block in the building is impressive and should be retained like a mini-Alcatraz. He also recommended a Crime and Punishment type museum.

Melissa Schlag stated that she felt the town needed to tell the world what we want the building to be. She advocated for a museum. She feels there should be space for the Haddam Historical Society.

The presentation ended.

The next meeting of the Buildings Committee will be September 13, 2017.