

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Present: William Dowling, Chairman; John Margie, Clerk; David Sheedy; George Samia, Town Administrator; and Gloria Mitchell, Administrative Assistant.

The following were also in attendance: Facilities Manager, Brian Kiely; DPW Director, John Haines; and Police Chief, Scott Allen. Dale Julius and Lois Nelson were also present representing the Historical Commission.

William Dowling stated that the reason for the meeting was to meet with the Historical Commission in regards to 137 Central Street.

Mr. Julius stated that when the Council on Aging was relocated to Sachem Rock the Historical Commission was told that they would be able to utilize the building located at 137 Central Street. The Commission was told that this was put on hold due to it being used during the construction of the new high school. The main idea for the use by the Commission was to have a meeting place for the Commission, bring all of the historic records together and have a visitor's center.

Brian Kiely stated that research has been done within the last few months and it would take at least \$300,000 to bring the building up to code and would be an additional \$125,000.00 for any aesthetic things. John Haines determined that the end cost of the building would be \$500,000.00-\$600,000.00 without furnishings.

David Sheedy met with Brian Kiely in the basement at the Center at Sachem Rock to discuss the possibility of the Historical Commission using that area. Mr. Kiely stated this could be done for approximately \$100,000.00 with a separate entrance and an additional \$50,000.00 for a bathroom.

Scott Allen stated that there is a public safety concern with the driveway at 137 Central Street and the Central School really needs more parking. Chief Allen feels that the Center at Sachem Rock is a better fit for the Historical Commission.

Mr. Haines stated there are a lot of challenges at the building at 137 Central Street and also feels that the Community Center is the best place. Mr. Haines suggested that the needs of the Commission should be looked at first before moving forward with any project. He stated that the cottage has become a liability to the town.

John Margie and David Sheedy agreed that the Community Center is the best place. There was a small discussion in regards to what to do with the building at 137 Central Street. One of the ideas was to auction it off with the stipulation that the building had to be moved.

William Dowling asked if the Historical Commission would be willing to use the Community Center. Mr. Julius stated that the Commission will be reasonable, they have new members that are excited about the history of the town and will present the information to the Commission at their next meeting.

Mr. Margie wanted to clarify that this will not be happening right away and will be for FY19 at the earliest. Everyone was in agreement with this.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Dowling, Margie, Sheedy; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

  
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Clerk