

TOWN Offices Future Options Committee

September 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Fred Szmit at 7:00PM

Present: Mary Maxwell, Joe Scrivani, Fred Szmit, Bayard Tracey, Peter Mitchell, Dewey Auger

Minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

Discussion of the Option Summary to the Select board for November 1, 2008 by Fred Szmit and committee members. Option Summary should be condensed or worded in such a way to show three to four main options with suggestion under each option. The idea of "moth-balling" the building for a set period of time may be added to the list of options.

Dutch Walsh explained he had contacted the Secretary of States Office to inquire about establishing a foundation or non-profit organization. Walsh added the process is relatively straight forward.

Devin Starlanyl, former Town Health Officer, spoke and wanted to remind the committee the Old Town Office building had been considered being condemned given the problems it had with poor air quality and mold issues for office use and any future use would require building improvements. Fred Szmit acknowledged this information.

Dewey Auger suggested that we get the opinion of a local realtor on the buildings market value as a private home or office apace. Bayard Tracey agreed and would attempt contacting two to three local realtors for their opinions. Cindy Walsh agreed to assist Tracey with realtor information.

Dutch Walsh provided the committee with results from a 2005 Chesterfield Master Plan Community in which 37 percent of Chesterfield households responded. Survey stating 88 percent of the respondents felt it was "very important or important to protect historic buildings and sites" 61 percent chose "historic character as very important or important reasons for living here" 60 percent "would support a historic district" 55 percent feel the "town is doing a good job in historic preservation"

Fred Szmit suggested the committee begin to meet weekly in order to prepare for its presentation to the Board of Selectmen November 1, 2008.

The next meeting will be September 29, 2008 at 7pm in the new Town Office building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dewey Auger