

Wolcott School House Revitalization Committee meeting

November 11, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Linda Brady, Monica Cross, Allen Carpenter, Kurt Klein, Ruthana Demag, Linda Martin, Tom Martin

Guests: J.B. Hinds, Seth Jensen, Salvador Morales

Seth Jensen called the WSHRC meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

This is the first meeting for the newly created Wolcott School House Revitalization Committee. Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

1. Outline Situation
 - a. Focus should be on the use of the schoolhouse prior to funding options
 - i. How can the historical society be brought into fold?
2. Architectural report
 - a. The report said a full restoration would cost approximately \$500,000. This number is not necessarily accurate today but gives the committee a better understanding.
 - b. Since the last report, the building rigidity could have diminished. This will have to be examined in more detail to better understand the current condition the School House is in
 - c. The full architectural report can be requested in PDF form
3. Wastewater project
 - a. The preexisting wastewater system holds 1,720 gal/day. Currently 340 gal/day is used.
 - b. If the school (it would be retrofitted to accommodate for a business) was attached to the preexisting system, the system would be able to support its daily operation
 - c. J.B. believes that the flexibility that the current wastewater system allows for is key to the success of this revitalization project.
 - d. It was noted that the Vermont Preservation Trust has a program that would allow the Town of Wolcott to own the building and have a private business run day to day operations.
4. Potential funding for reuse
 - a. Cost estimates need to be updated
 - b. For funding through the VT Preservation Trust, a letter from the School House Revitalization Committee would be needed. A resolution from the Selectboard would also be recommended to further improve chances
 - i. Match usually not needed
 - ii. Committee was very fond of café idea
 - iii. Current layout of schoolhouse allows for many possible reuses
5. Next Steps
 - a. Compile list of potential use options for building
 - b. Call preservation trust to better understand how they would like to receive application
 - c. Get photos of inside the building
 - d. Create map that highlights key points in the vicinity of the School House
 - e. Check Town plan and Revisioning Wolcott for information regarding preserved building reuse
 - f. Create site plan of the interior

Meeting concluded at 7 PM

Next meeting is December 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM