

BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR REUSE OF COHANZIE SCHOOL

December 11, 2008

Special Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Theodore Olynciw; William Colonis; David DeNoia; James Norton; Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg

Members Absent: Julie Labreque

Staff Present: Thomas V. Wagner, Town Planner; Kate Rotella Purchasing Agent, Margaret Liparulo, Secretary

1. Call to Order

A quorum was established and Chairman Olynciw called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Discussion of Result of Request for Interest and Next Steps

Tom Wagner gave the Committee an update on the status of the school building. The building has been vacated as of August and winterized. The property has been formally turned over to the town. Letters were sent to numerous agencies soliciting interest in the adaptive reuse of the land and/or building. Responses were received from five agencies, suggesting varied uses. Most expressed an interest in the use of a portion of the building and retaining a portion of the building for community use.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the process for the appraisal of the property, the cost of employing an appraisal firm, allowable usages according to the zoning regulations in that area, and the site conditions of the property. Chairman Theodore Olynciw has had discussions with the town Assessor in the past regarding the value of the property. The Committee agreed that an RFP should include the present value of the property. It was the consensus of the Committee not to employ an appraisal firm and to have the town Assessor value the property.

It was suggested that town agencies be contacted one more time to be sure they have no interest in the property. Tom Wagner will work with the Purchasing Agent to send out a formal inquiry.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the process for advertising an RFP and the ordinances that govern the sale of town property. Tom W. agreed to set up an informal meeting with Committee members and the five agencies that responded to the initial inquiry before going out with a formal RFP. Committee members will compile questions to be discussed at the roundtable some time in January.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Liparulo
Recording Secretary