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**Town Hall Committee Meeting Notes
March 18, 2009**

Aaron, Jeff, Alison met at Town Office at 7, Alison had not gotten key, so moved mtg. to BPMS, leaving note on lower door. Eliot, Tom H. showed up after, missed note, couldn't find meeting. My apologies- we wanted more people at the meeting!

1. Discussed Barbara and Eliot's mtg. w/ Ann Cousins from PTV, and lack of support from them if building is moved. Aaron expressed feeling (shared by all) that we would like to be convinced that building would have same potential for use if left in place. Although septic and water issues are similar (on Main Rd. or school lot), handicapped access and parking will be so limited on present lot that we are afraid building would not be used as much, or by as many groups.

Noise is also part of any grant's environmental impact statement; can we make a case that noise will be of minimal impact on neighbors if left on Main Rd? Aaron is looking in to this. As there is only 3 feet on one side of building, and 6 feet on the other, Town Hall cannot be moved to one side or turned sideways as far as we could tell.

We need someone to work with PTV and this building for any grant that is submitted, and hope that Eliot will be willing to do this - Alison will contact. (email discussion with Eliot as follows, is ongoing--thank you Eliot!)

2. Aaron made a great map of town with soils (gravel, ag soils, wetlands, etc.) for environmental review. He is meeting with Melissa soon.

Question- one of our goals with this building (from Dec. meeting) was to make it cost neutral eventually for the town, possibly even generating energy (with passive solar, solar panels, wind?) , composting toilet, and super insulation. Does this conflict with historic preservation in any way?

3. we were asked by Ed Wildman if we could reduce our budget by 5% , as the entire town budget has to be. After lengthy discussion, a unanimous vote that yes, we will give up 5% of our annual maintenance budget.

Alison will get key, ask Heidi if any floor plans of Town Hall are there. Dick Kellogg says he might be able to find one from years ago, Jeff Krull can draft new concept plans.

Respectfully submitted, AForrest 3/22/09