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WIEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

Minutes 11/18/09

The Committee meeting convened at 4:05 P.M. in the Whitney Room of the Grantham Town Hall with the following members present: Ron Bauer; Don Gobin; Karen Ryan; Bill Zimmerman. Also present: four citizen observers.

Officers: Upon motion duly made and seconded, Ron Bauer was elected Chairman, Bill Zimmerman volunteered to serve as Clerk. The meetings will be posted and the minutes distributed to the Selectboard by the Town Administrator. An opportunity for public comment will be provided at the beginning and upon conclusion of the meeting but the deliberations of the Committee will proceed without interruption.

Goals:

1. Study Wien property and recommend to the Selectboard how to proceed with the house.
2. Should the house be renovated as a recreation center?
3. Should the house be sold in a sub-division of the property?
4. Should the house be moved?
5. Should the house be razed?
6. All options should contain pertinent financial estimates (costs and/or income)

Baseline Information: The Committee should first ascertain the program needs of the Recreation Department. Karen Ryan to make initial contact with the Recreation Director.

Preliminary Tasks:

1. Ron Bauer to work up preliminary cost estimates for demolishing the building. He will also begin the process of what would be involved in renovating/upgrading the building and bringing it up to current code requirements as a public facility.
2. Don Gobin to explore the feasibility of renting the house.
3. Karen Ryan will develop a potential sale value of the house and a preliminary analysis of the feasibility of attempting to sell it.
4. Ron Bauer will discuss with Becky Newton (Town Administrator) the format for the Committee's Report, the timeline, and other pertinent matters.

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Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10 at 4:00 P.M. at the Wien Building for purposes of a walk-through inspection of the house and immediate site. The Committee will then re-convene in meeting at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Zimmerman, Clerk