

Town Center Committee  
May 8, 2014 Minutes

The meeting came to order at 7:01pm. Members present were Judy Hoag, Howard Knickerbocker, Victor Artioli, Dale Hoag, Mitch Feldmesser, Alan Vint, Jay Swift and Maureen Sullivan.

Minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and adopted with changes.

Mr. Swift read letters prepared by Hill Engineering concerning Hill's findings and recommendations after conducting a walk-through of the former general store building and the abutting residence. The walk-through and the reports were done as a courtesy to the Town.

Mr. Knickerbocker reported that Building Commissioner Garner had recommended that the commercial building be boarded up and emptied of tag sale items stored there. Mr. Knickerbocker will contact Jack Cobb about the removal of those items.

The committee discussed the recommendations of Hill Engineering, grant-funding possibilities to cover part or all of building demolition costs, if that route were chosen by the Town. The committee discussed how Hill Engineering's letter could be used as evidence to convince the DEP that the building is without economic value. A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that it contact Attorney Ron Berenson about the Hill Engineering letter and ask his advise on moving forward on the matter with the DEP. Mr. Vint recommended that the BOS contact Mr. Berenson and Attorney Silverstien about the process of emergency demolition of a building if the need were to arise.

Mr. Swift reported that Andrew Loew of the PVPC would know in the coming week whether or not the PVPC's brownfield funding will be renewed.

The committee discussed a need for the committee to have a mission statement. This discussion lead to the conclusion that such a statement should be made with the joint input of the BOS and the TCC.

Mr. Knickerbocker handed out his analysis of some of the option for use/reuse of the general store property. Committee members will review this before the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Sullivan, Secretary

Attachments:

Hill Engineering Letters

Handout by Howard Knickerbocker