

Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Barrett Hall, South Strafford, VT  
May 7, 2022, at 1:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm and led by David Paganelli

Present: David Paganelli, Toni Pippy, Brian Johnson, Jeff Solsaa and 40 public participants.

Overview: David gave a brief overview of the town office conditions and reports submitted by the Town Office Planning Committees, one dated December 2019 with a restoration plan and the other dated September 7, 2021, that recommends moving the town office to a different location. These reports are on the town website.

Open public discussion ensued regarding options keeping the future needs in mind which boiled down to:

1. Restoration and modernization of the current town office that includes the town office requirements from the September 2021 report.
2. Purchase of and Renovation/construction of the campus at the Tilles parcel that includes the town office requirements from the September 2021 report.

There was some discussion of looking into buying Stone Soup and use of space where the town garage is. The public also expressed interest in the concept of a swap of the current town office with the former Masons Building. Members of the public agreed to look into this and report back to the board.

The board will be considering the two options, 1 and 2, at a board meeting to authorize a feasibility study of each to give a better idea of cost and practically. By a show of hands, a feasibility study for Option 1 was unanimously supported, and a feasibility study for Option 2 was supported by approximately half the participants. David will contact the owners of Stone Soup and there will be a review to see where we could put a town office at the garage site.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Pippy, Acting Recording Clerk