

Mechanic Falls Public Hearing

November 2, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lou Annance, Chair
Cathy Fifield, Vice Chair

Stephen Bolduc
Nicholas Konstantoulakis

Kieth Bennett

STAFF PRESENT:

Koriene Low - Town Manager
Miranda Hinkley - Town Clerk

Fred Collins - Code
Enforcement Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Emery
Catherine Pressey
Walter Berry
Rena Berry
Dorothy Bouchles
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Mark Gary

Fred Sturtevant
Milton Walker
Eriks Petersons
Joan Walton
Tom Webster
Paula Bolduc
Sandra Ballard

Chuck Vincent
Jon Damon
Nancy Petersons
Amanda Cullen

Councilor Lou Annance called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
We stood and saluted the flag.

Councilor Annance welcomed those present and thanked them for coming.

The following handouts were provided and reviewed by the public.

- Annual Cost Comparison
- Mortgage Options
- Avesta Housing Info Sheet
- Town of Mechanic Falls Financial Statement
- Sketch of Proposed Footprint

Since most of the Townspeople present were at the previous meeting, Councilor Annance was able to begin directly with answers to questions presented at the previous hearing. It was confirmed that there are no load bearing walls within the structure at 22 Pleasant Street. This supports the previous statement that the Town would be able to renovate to their need without concern. The plan is to keep the bathrooms and kitchen in place minimizing costly plumbing relocation. Councilor Annance reiterated that there is plenty of space for offices and storage as well as the Library and PD. It was asked if there is a basement at the location allowing for room to expand. Also, a comment was made regarding the ability to build additional floors. Councilor Annance explained that there is no basement and building up is a costly option as we are looking to get rid of the need of an elevator. A diagram of the Depot Square parking lot was presented showing the Town owning 85-90% of the parking area. This would allow the Town to expand out if needed in the future.

The sale of the current municipal building was again discussed. If sold, it would be the building and 24 parking

A resident asked the Council to each provide their vote on the purchase. Councilor Annance stated he would be voting yes. Councilor Konstantoulakis states that he feels this is a great opportunity and he will be voting yes. Councilor Bennett agreed his vote would also be yes. Councilor Fifield stated that in a perfect world, we would

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keep all our departments in the same location. Just like she would have a Ferrari, but has to buy the car she can afford, the Town needs to make sound financial decisions regarding the building. She will vote yes. Councilor Bolduc stated he will vote yes.

At this point, Councilor Annance thanked everyone for their input.

No further questions were presented. Council again thanked those present. Hearing adjourned at 7:55pm.

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Tom Webster

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Full Attendance

Nancy Stross

Sandra Bellard

Chuck Vincent

Amanda Cullen

MikTox Walker

Raymond E. Beal

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