

Meeting Notes

October 5, 2016

Buildings Committee

Attendees: Liz Glidden, Joanne Nesti, Jared Novinski, Lisa Malloy, Scott Brookes, Patrick Pinnell, Jeff Muthersbaugh, Lizz Milardo.

Members of the Public: Ed Munster

The Committee met at 7pm to discuss the Phase I and the market study. Chris Ferrero from Fuss and O'Neil Team was in attendance to assist in facilitating the meeting.

The discussion began by trying to further understand whether there is a right to use the existing leaching fields located on the Rail Road Right of Way behind Jan Sweet's property. Liz Glidden reported that she did some research but had not found anything definitive.

Discussion continued about development options for the jail site. Different use categories have different parking requirements.

The question of retaining the Annex and the Pump House was discussed. The Committee determined that neither building was imperative to the authenticity of the site.

It was agreed that the jail site should have a 'campus' feel and that parking would be better served on lot 51-3 located at the corner of Jail Hill Road and Saybrook Road.

There was discussion about moving this portion of Jail Hill Road to unite the lot so that it is not bisected by a town road.

The Committee agreed that retaining public access is important. If the Jail were converted to offices or to residential then the site would not be as accessible to the public.

The Committee also felt that the Jail buildings should be financially self-sustaining. Uses like a municipal or institutional use which may require further financial maintenance from the town were deemed unacceptable.

The concept of a Restaurant with an interpretive center or area for patrons was discussed. In this scenario would be room for other offices and offices for the Haddam Historical Society.

Other uses were discussed such as light manufacture, kayak rental, youth-hostel, residential, incubator businesses, and a climate controlled archival space.

The question was raised about whether UConn Extension Center would have an interest in relocating – or expanding into this building.

Fuss and O'Neil will put together some renderings and options regarding the potential uses and prepare for a public meeting in November.