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**Ad Hoc Stone Building Feasibility/Reuse Committee**

Town of Lexington, MA

August 5, 2021 8:00 AM

**MINUTES**

This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with both onsite in the Cary Hall's Hudson Room, and online.

**Attending** - Cristina Burwell, Anne Grady, Jeff Howry, Carolyn Goldstein, Doug Lucente (Select Board Liaison), Mark Manasas, Meg Muckenhoupt (Appropriations Comm. Liaison), Melinda Nasardinov, Lester Savage, Paul Smyke

**Absent** - Claire Feingold Thoryn (Cary Library Trustees Liaison),

1. **Roll Call Approval of Minutes** (July 15, 2021) - tabled until next meeting

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Community Forum planning update** (see attachment) - Committee members discussed the importance of items on the forum list, such as the importance of community feedback on what successful re-use models, etc.

It was questioned what the Town's commitment would make. Without a defined use, we will not be able to get a good response. We would like to show a range of ways the Town works with historic building. Paul suggested that we simply have this conveyed by Claire at the forum. The forum will aim to present as much as we can without being overwhelming in detail, share ratings via fit/benefit chart,

It was suggested to have Carol Kowalski talk with the group at a future date about the Town's relationship with the building.

It was mentioned that the fit/benefit chart should be described as an exercise for reviewing concepts, with the note that the committee has still not had the conversation. Our objective (for Forum 2) is to look at the concepts and invite comment (vs. criticism) on the process and criteria AND to encourage feedback and suggestions about being made possible.

- b. **Outreach update** - Committee members are interested in saving meeting time to discuss proposals and advance concepts and ideas, and committee members can be doing outreach outside of meetings and reporting back to the group (see Action Items below).

**4. NEW BUSINESS** - none

- 5. Adjournment** unanimously approved with paul making the motion, ann seconding it, and adjournment at 9:28am

Attachments:

1. Powerpoint slides (Jeff)
2. Forum Script Outline (Melinda)

Action Items:

1. Jeff to forward final report outline to committee members
2. Jeff to resend slide of various structures as models for reuse
3. Mark to be point person to receive any existing documents that would feed into final report TOC, and will reach out to committee members who have been assigned to related tasks
4. Mark to send out Zoom links to Town staff for public posting (Constant Contact database and website. Melinda and Mark to craft the “ask” of the community during the forum
5. Cristina & Carolyn to present a list for outreach and assign committee members
6. Jeff to talk with Marilyn Fenellosa about feasibility of CPA funds for the Stone Building
7. Cristina to write up a summary slide about how the Town-MCA model works, and reach out to LHS ED to see how Buckman Tavern works with the Town and to add to our data collection.
8. Paul will put together a summary of the library discussion
9. Melinda to create a handout to follow along at the forum & that we can share in advance (with links to website for more information).
10. Next meeting of the group is Monday August 16 to run through the webinar - Cristina to confirm that link