

Ditson Reuse Committee Meeting

Date: April 14th

Presented: Andrew Deslaurier, Justin Damon, Justina Lapham, Chris Reilly, Rob Anderson, Randy Meuse, Stephane Lacombe, Gary DaSilva

Committee discussed goals for the committee

1. Neighborhood needs
2. Structural integrity of the building
3. Want/desire to save the building
4. Possibilities for the site
5. Concerns
6. Committee wanted a walk through of the building. Walk through was scheduled

Committee committed to bring to next meeting visions for the site in some detail

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2016 - Ditson School Property - Reuse Committee

Attendees:

Randy Meuse

Stephane Lacombe

Justin Damon

Justina Lapham

Andrew Deslaurier



Meeting called to Order: 7:05 PM

Committee discussed their recent visit to Ditson property and the following and the following observations/comments were shared;

The building appears to be in fair condition considering age

Building could be repurposed but would require a considerable investment

Surrounding area has a history of poor drainage

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the existing underground storage tank

Building has no sprinklers

Building not ADA compliant

Building contains asbestos

Input from public attendees;

Fire Chief, John Conway, presented the Town's interest/need to replace the existing Pinehurst Fire Station. Pointing out that the existing station is too small to accommodate modern equipment. Mr. Conway indicated that the Ditson property is one location that will likely be considered.

Resident Bob Casey suggested the Committee take a broader look at the future use of the Ditson property and encourage the Town consider a "Master Plan" with the Ditson as a catalyst for improving the overall aesthetics of this portion of Boston Road and a use that could include a park.

8:10 Meeting Adjourned