

# NEW HAVEN TRAIN DEPOT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes From Thursday, July 22, 2021

### Attendees:

**Google Meet:** Laura Trieschmann, Florian Oberhuber, Steve Dupoise, Susan Smiley, John Van Hoesen

**New Haven Office:** Aaron Brown, Bev Landon

John called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM via Google Meet.

### Discussion

- Steve Dupoise shared a conversation he had with Trini Brassard at VTRans regarding disbursement of the funds directly to the Town of New Haven.
- Steve Dupoise shared a conversation with Patrick Reen about connecting to the septic. Need to reach out to Alan Huizenga about permitting related to town office, town hall, and depot building.
- Florian described two possible models for hiring a PM or PM/GC, where one has contractors and the other has subcontractors. The decision of how best to frame this RFP should be informed by the selectboard.
- Florian expressed concern that he wanted to make sure there was money to cover costs of renovation after the building is relocated so that after the building has been transferred to the town, it doesn't become a financial burden. Laura Trieschmann made it clear that VHD will continue to support the town even after the building has been transferred
- Jamie Duggan suggested keeping the scope focused on moving and siting the building and that renovations will require more coordination with other stakeholders. However discussions about the foundation and how the building will be accessed are part of the longer-term site work. Need to make it clear in the RFP for the site design.
- The Vermont Advisory Council voted today and unanimously approved the transfer of the building and contents to the Town of New Haven. The contents and artifacts will be transferred to the Town and can be transferred to the Historical Society later.
- Jamie Duggan started an email to Alison Brown at VELCO to let her know where things are and give them a general timeline for when the move might happen to deal with the 90-day notice they require.
- Aaron raised the need for special interim zoning permission given that we aren't sure what it will be used for, but that would need to be reviewed by the Selectboard. The Town doesn't discuss museums specifically but it does include Public Buildings. Possibly begin with the idea of using it as an office space. The timeline for approval depends on the eventual use, so it could take a day upwards to a month and half process.

### Next Steps

- John and Steve will reach out to Trini about the status of the VTrans funding.
- Aaron and Steve will bring the topic of zoning to the Selectboard.
- Jamie will send John names of potential PMs
- John will keep working on RFPs with different options fo the PM

With no other comments, John closed the meeting at 4:50 PM.