

Orland Properties Development Committee

Meeting Minutes September 7, 2011

Present: Belinda Harriman, Matt Brown, Betty Chavaree, Dexter Johnson, Brenda Leavitt, Jessica Rollerson, Dan Brooks, Lester Stackpole, Bart Hutchins, Bart McGraw, Ralph Gonzales

1. **Review of Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting for 8/17/2011 were not available to review. Those present at the last meeting provided an overview of discussions at the last meeting. The two (2) major topics raised at the last meeting were: a) Revisiting our mission and scope of work to be completed and b) we tend to leave issues/controversy on the table; we need to work toward resolving issues/conflicts and coming to consensus on items discussed.
2. Matt provided an overview of the committee's work to date. Basically we have been in an assessment phase and have been collecting information. The "mission/scope of work" of this committee is to gather information on various options and present this to the Board of Selectmen. It will ultimately be up to the citizens of Orland to make the final decision.
3. **Membership Update:** Jerry Story has resigned from the committee. He did indicate that he would be available as a resource to the committee as needed. New members – Bart McGraw and Belinda Harriman have been appointed to the committee. Welcome Bart and Belinda.
4. Jerry provided an overview of his discussion with Stephen Moores, Penquis. Stephen commented that – this was an excellent facility for senior housing, - we are in the driver's seat with any developer and – he strongly recommended that the town not put themselves in the position of being a "landlord. He told Jerry that Penquis would not be interested in developing this property but there were certainly other developers out there who may be interested.
5. **Update of Survey:** There has not been as much response as we had hoped. Matt will input the new response sheets that were at the Town Hall. We discussed a cut-off date for responding to the survey. I did not write down what we decided so will confirm what we agreed upon and document the decision in the meeting minutes of the next meeting.
6. We then discussed how we are going to come up with recommendations. It was agreed that we should brainstorm every possible option and then use a Decision Making Matrix to rule out/rule in different options. We decided to break the groups to look at into – Keep (Town Usage, Rental Apartments) – Sell or Rent. We then brainstormed various uses under each category.

Keep (town usage/rental apartments)

Library

Recreational Center

Meeting Hall

Sell

Supermarket

“Big Box”

Senior Housing

Manufacturer

Medical (Comprehensive Health Center)

Research Center

Entertainment Center

Rent

Call Center

Office Rental, i.e. Verso Paper

Charter School

Arts Colony

Storage Facility

Commercial Rentals

Commercial Kitchen

Farmer’s Market

Daycare

Seasonal Rental

Medical Offices

7. **Next Meeting:** There was a discussion concerning the day of the meeting. Wednesdays are not good for Matt. We agreed to move the meetings to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday September 22, 2011 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. In October we will meet on 10/13/2011 and 10/27/2011. It was agreed that the agenda for the next meeting will be to develop a Decision Making Matrix that we can use to examine the options/possibilities we come up with.

Minutes Recorded by:

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