

Town of Carlisle  
Highland Building Committee  
Minutes of Virtual Meeting  
May 17, 2021, at 6 pm

Attendees: John Ballantine, Jerry Lerman, Walter Hickman, Kathy Keller, Annette Lee, Jack Troast, Melissa McMorrow, Bryan Sorrows, Marilyn Harte, Christine Lear

Public: Ellen Huber, Bonnie Miskolczy, (Betsy Fell Carlisle Mosquito), Suzanne Spinney, Deborah Bentley

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM

The purpose of the meeting was to update all regarding activities and efforts regarding a cost estimator, possible funding for financial feasibility study, and discussion the range of renovation costs for housing or offices.

As of May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Highland Building Committee did not have a list of cost estimators – although Debbie Bentley forwarded some contacts. We need a cost estimator who understand historic buildings and has an understanding of the all the renovation challenges and code issues. A cost estimator is critical for the next steps and Deb Bentley explained we need to pay them for their work since there are many professional liability issues. This is not something that can be done in a casual back of the envelope manner. At the moment, the HBC only has rough estimates of costs.

We should also discuss all of the possible options that we have explored regarding the Highland Building. Housing, offices for municipal or educational purposes, or demolition (we have an estimate of \$300 to 400k for tear down and parking lot).

Next steps are to find a cost estimator and then the funds for pay for such services. John Ballantine with help from Deb Bentley to search out cost estimators and to talk with SB regarding possible funding sources.

Respectfully drafted  
John Ballantine

Approved unanimously by HBC on June 21, 2021