

MINUTES
PIERSON STUDY FOR FUTURE USE COMMITTEE
December 18, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Christine Goupil, Members John Allen, Mike Hornyak, Don Hansen, Christy Pontillo, Heidi Hayes, Carol Walter

Guests: Courtney Hendricson and Lawrence Pilcher

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2019:

- A motion was made by J. Allen, seconded by C. Pontillo to approve the minutes of October 24, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

General report and discussion on Charrette:

- C. Hendricson distributed and discussed the informal write up from the Charrette results
- Under the 6 topics the participants wanted the façade to be saved, retain and maintain the grounds at the front of the property and parking (which could be expanded)
- Consider moving the library to Pierson and selling the current library when the market is right
- Make it a multi-generational multi-use facility

Meeting with Town Council and Town Manager:

- A meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2020 with the Town Council to get an update from the committee

Recommendations to the Town Council:

- Make Pierson multi-generational, multi-use facility with portions remaining in town's possession such as gazebo, statues and parking
- Move library to Pierson, a cost analysis to be performed
- Annex is being used for a senior center and then budget for it to move to Pierson
- Determine what the town can use it for during the interim
- C. Hendricson will write up the key themes with the backup information

Discussed the need for a Senior Center:

- A survey was performed on the need of a senior center
 - Programs and better communication to attract seniors is needed
 - It was suggested that committee members visit the senior centers in neighboring towns
 - It was recommended that Pierson be used as a temporary senior center

Update on Cy Pre action:

- The negotiations with the Morgan Trust should be handled by the Town Manager and Town Council
 - The Pierson Study for Future Use Committee would like to get updates on the negotiations

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk