

History of the Franklin Community Center

From Whence We Came – Part Deux

Town Meeting , March 2001, Article #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money and authorize the Community Center Trustees to spend same from Property Taxes to replace the Hot Water Boiler and Baseboard Heating units in the Community Center. A sum of \$5,193.79 remains in the Building Account. Estimated cost of replacement, \$12,000.00. Vote - Yes. The actual expenditure was \$11,314.81

The Community Center Trustees Report in the Town Report of 2004 states: “We closed off the eastern entrance eliminating access from the dark side of the building while giving us time to gather information on the possibility of building a vault in that proximity. The Trustees consulted with Mr. Andrew McCullough, an engineer, who did a feasibility study. Mr. McCullough submitted three sketches of the exterior of the building and estimated the cost would be over \$60,000.00. His estimate for a completed vault, properly engineered, was between \$60,000.00 and \$80,000.00. The Trustees decided to put an article in the Town Report to see if the Town wishes to proceed with the project. A thorough report will be given at Town Meeting.”

Town Meeting, March 2005, Article #26: “To see what action the Town wishes to take regarding the construction of a records storage vault at or in the Franklin Community Center.”
Vote – Not at this time.

Town Meeting, March 2008, Article #24: “To see what action the Town will take in regards to a long range Community Center Expansion Project. Said expansion, if approved, would begin with a Phase One Architects Design and Master Plan for the total proposed expansion. Phase Two would include the construction of a Fire Proof, Climate Controlled Vault. Phase Three would lead into an all Functional Meeting/Auditorium Space to serve the needs of Franklin’s future. Ref 1973 School Addition Plans. CC Trustees Requested \$100,000.00. Vote - Yes.

The Town Report 2008 Community Center Trustees Report: “We have been very busy this year working on the plans for the new vault. Three engineering firms answered the ad of interest in designing the vault. They were AchiCheck, Thomas J. Goetting of Lubec, Andrew McCullough Engineering Consultants of Ellsworth, and Dirigo Engineering of Fairfield. After talking with the engineers and reviewing their proposals, we chose to go with Andrew McCullough Engineering Consultants.”

We have met several times with Mr. McCullough on size, location, design, heating and cooling systems, etc. In July, Mr. McCullough returned with drawings for the Trustees to approve or make changes, if needed. Mr. McCullough suggested that the bids be placed in December with return date in January so we will know the exact cost of the project. This phase of the project has been done.”

Town Meeting, March 2009, Article #24: This article is for information only; no action may be taken. To hear the Community Center Trustees Report on the long range Community Center Expansion Project.

“Phase One was to obtain an architect’s design and master plan for the total proposed expansion. Andrew McCullough, P.E., was the successful architect selected by the bidding process. Phase One is complete. Phase Two is the construction of a fire proof, climate controlled vault, and the selection of a building contractor. The Trustees are working thorough this section of Phase Two. Phase Three would lead into an all functional meeting/auditorium space to serve the needs of Franklin’s future. All designs and other related items are available for the general public to review.”

Town Meeting, March 2009, Article #25: To see if the town will raise a sum of money from Property Tax to be placed in the Community Center Reserve account to complete Phase Two of the Community Center Expansion Project. Community Center Trustees Recommend \$25,000.00.” Vote – Yes.

Town Report 2009, Community Center Trustees Report – “At long last a fire proof, temperature controlled Vault to hold the Town’s fragile records. The Vault’s interior measures 18 feet by 20 feet with sturdy shelving and a three hour burn through time. This was Phase Two. While constructing the Vault, the Trustees installed a new six inch water main into the Community Center for future usage, i.e. sprinkler systems and an extension for the proposed sixty foot by eighty foot Grand Room addition that could contain a kitchen and bathrooms. This Addition is known as Phase Three.”

Town Report 2009 – Community Center Expansion Reserve Account. Beginning Balance \$127,942.87. Expended for construction of the Vault \$125,300.27. Ending balance left in the Community Center Reserve Account

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