

January 16, 2013 Town Office Public Meeting Survey Results

"In light of the information presented this evening, which property would you prefer for a new Town Office?" Church = C; Farm stand = F

"Alternatively, would you support the property you did not choose?" Yes = Y; No = N

| | C or F | Y or N | Comments |
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| 1 | F | | Both great locations and plans but feel long-term potential of Flemer property has the edge. |
| 2 | C | N | The town supported the Methodist Church in the first survey and at the first meeting. Go with that. This feels like you're trying to get a different answer by asking the same questions in a different way. The farm stand building is <u>not</u> popular. The Methodist Church project <u>is</u> popular. Adjust the numbers to reflect the actual space needed. |
| 3 | F | N | The church site has a very limited parking space available compared to the farm stand site. A new structure will more energy efficient. |
| 4 | F | N | Limited parking, removal from tax rolls, removal of apartments: all important reasons for choosing farm stand. |
| 5 | F | Y | 1. I'm interested in the intended heating source(s). Will both properties have the same primary heat source (e.g., both propane)? Has thought been given to solar panels on either or both buildings? 2. My personal preference would be -- whichever option is selected -- for more decorative surfaces, not less. Right now, even the new building is just box-like, rather like the very ordinary health center. Blah! |
| 6 | Still unsure | | Thank you to the committee for all of the work you have done! I do agree that we do need new office space. Could we have a new design for a new building? I don't like the 1st design I saw. Clapboards are better in the drawing I saw tonight -- a start! |
| 7 | F | Y | |
| 8 | F | Y | |
| 9 | F | Y | |
| 10 | F | N | |
| 11 | F | N | |
| 12 | F | N | Favor farm stand site due to favorable cost, better & off-street parking, significantly lower operating cost. |
| 13 | C | Y | |
| 14 | C | N | |
| 15 | C | N | |
| 16 | C | Y | |
| 17 | C | N | |
| 18 | C | | |
| 19 | F | Y | |
| 20 | F | Y | |
| 21 | F | N | Please see Leo Laferriere's letter of the Valley Reporter (1/10/13). Don't take residential units out of use! Let's go as efficiently & energy wise and fiscal responsible! |
| 22 | F | maybe | |
| 23 | F | N | |
| 24 | F | Y | |

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| 25 | F | N | |
| 26 | F | Y | I worry that, with an old building, when you start opening walls, the cost of the church will go way up. To many unknowns with an old building. Start new! |
| 27 | F | N | |
| 28 | C | N | |
| 29 | | | Both are too expensive for this particular juncture. I would potentially support a less expensive variation of either. Although I am appreciative of the efforts made as well as the openness to public feedback, this project simply seems too expensive for this juncture. We need more people wanting to live here before we invest in such heavy infrastructure. We need a thriving community before the fancy building. |
| 30 | F | N | |
| 31 | F | N | |
| 32 | F | Y | |
| 33 | F | not sure | The church would be a nice option if: 1. it had been better maintained over the years; 2. and the cost is high to renovate it; 3. also, the maintenance is probably going to be costly. If the farm stand is chosen, I hope the design of the new building would be in keeping with our nice New England village -- a building with some character. |
| 34 | F | ? | |
| 35 | F | Y | |
| 36 | C | N | |
| 37 | C | Y | |
| 38 | | undecided | I still prefer the Flemer barn. Couldn't farm stand building look more like an old building? More input from Bob Burley would be helpful. If the cost of the church project were comparable to the farm stand, I would favor it. |
| 39 | C | Y | Let's keep the "historic" Waitsfield alive! Town offices should be found in historic buildings. |
| 40 | C | Y | I support a modified plan for the church renovation. I think costs could be lowered by not renovating the entire building at once. It is a gem of a building that should be restored if possible. |
| 41 | C | Y | I <u>strongly</u> prefer the church, but it should be <u>much</u> cheaper! 1. The building is worth <u>much</u> less than \$450k. 2. I don't believe the project has to cost \$2.4M from the start. ASK OTHER ARCHITECTS!! Please go to Ellen Strauss/Sanford Strauss for an opinion. |
| 42 | C | N | In terms of quality of lifestyle, maintaining historical integrity is very important. If not the town, who else would or could do it? |
| 43 | C | Y | |
| 44 | | | I think the 1. Troll Shop, 2. Egan's old motel on Route 100 would be better!! |
| 45 | C | N | |
| 46 | C | N | |
| 47 | C | N | Preserve history! No new ugly building! |
| 48 | F | Y | |
| 49 | C | Y | |
| 50 | C | Y | |
| 51 | C | maybe | |
| 52 | | N | There are other options. |

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| 53 | F | N | |
| 54 | C | N | |
| 55 | C | N | |
| 56 | C | Y | I felt the comm. did a much better job at this meeting. A job well done in compiling a lot of info in a short amt. of time. Redesign of the Flemer farm stand building made it much more palatable. |
| 57 | F | N | |
| 58 | F | Y | |
| 59 | C | N | |
| 60 | C | N | |
| 61 | C | N | |
| 62 | C | N | |
| 63 | C | N | |
| 64 | C | Y | |
| 65 | C | Y | Although choosing the church option, I would change my mind if the farm stand were to be developed into an uninspiring building/property. Thank you for your work! I'm amazed at your patience! |
| 66 | C | Y | Do we need it? Long-term/short-term. Are we willing to pay for it? Is it fair expense? Is now the right time to borrow? Will we be happy in 20 years? We did it? Will we be proud of it? Analyze future. |
| 67 | C | Y | |
| 68 | F | N | Forget the Methodist Church. In a long run, the best bang for our \$\$ and town future beyond the town office is acquire the Flemer barns and use the site for both the town office (new building) and potential reuse of the barns. Our town must grow and fixing up an old historic church is very commendable and it might be quaint but certainly not a show of a live & growing town. |
| 69 | F | N | |
| 70 | F | Y | Well done committee. I appreciate your hard work. Time to call it. I like the switch away from brick -- aesthetically more in character with the vernacular. If we end up with the church, I would hope we do the elevator. Pointless not to add it in. |
| 71 | F | N | I feel that selecting the church property, which not only costs more, but the town would be giving up the opportunity to building new, what could be designed to your needs and not needing to sacrifice your needs. The town does need a new place to run its government, which could include the road service along with other government operations such as court system, police operations and a decent meeting hall along with a possible entertainment facility. Thank you for your efforts. |
| 72 | F | Y | |
| 73 | F | Y | |
| 74 | C | N | Let's keep visually improving our historical architecture assets in the village area! |
| 75 | C | N | |
| 76 | C | N | |
| 77 | C | N | No new "small" building. Keep historical church. It's larger and could be looked into more costs or less costs. |
| 78 | C | N | |
| 79 | C | N | |

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| 80 | F | N | The church is beautiful to look at but in <u>poor</u> condition. It would need extensive work from the foundation up. Very little has been done, except for critical repair, in the last 35-40 years. It is not where I would vote to invest my tax money. I would vote "NO" for this option. | | | |
| 81 | F | N | We cannot continue to expect our community tax payers to support the growing costs of town management. | | | |
| 82 | none | N | | | | |
| 83 | F | Y | | | | |
| 84 | C | | (emailed) | | | |
| 85 | C | | (emailed) | | | |
| 86 | (blank) | | | | | |
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| | | | Question 1 | Yes | No | |
| | | | Church | 42 | 16 | 22 |
| | | | Farmstand | 38 | 16 | 20 |
| | | | Blank | 6 | | |
| | | | Total | 86 | | |
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| Arrived after 1/17/13 | | | | | | |
| 87 | Barn | N | | | | |
| 88 | Barn | N | | | | |
| 89 | Barn | N | | | | |
| 90 | Barn | N | | | | |
| 91 | F | N | When all the \$ is spent on the church, you will still have an old ugly, no parking space! | | | |