

TOWN OF SALEM
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING RE GEORGI
GEORGI COMMUNITY ROOM
JUNE 28, 2023

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council: Brenda Levey; Howard Law; Tom McMorris; Laura Dunham; Jeanne Smith-Georgi; Town Clerk-Pat Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathy Chambers (Note: Marcus Blanck resigned from the Board 06/02/2023.)

Public Present: Matt Scheidt-Waite's Associates; Sandi Haber-Georgi; Joanne Peters Steele; Bruce Ferguson; Kasey Morrison; Mike Boniface; Bethany Macauley; Michael Maturro

6:00 P.M.-Special meeting regarding the Georgi called to order by Supervisor Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Clary introduced Matt Scheidt from Waite's Associates, who did an updated assessment in July of 2021 on what needs to be done at the Georgi Museum and/or the grounds. Major projects include ADA compliance to enter the Museum; art preservation; & climate control. There is an entrance in back of the Museum building, with entry into the Battenkill Room (that already has a ramp to enter the rest of the bldg.). There is already a pathway on the side of the Museum (toward the Battenkill River) that could be made ADA compatible for handicapped accessibility around to the back. Porch/patio accessibility could be added to this area, also, making it possible to enter through the main door of the Museum. This door would have to be replaced to make it handicap accessible. This pathway area would be less slope than a ramp & no handrails would be required. Crushed gravel could be used on the pathway. **Motion made by** Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to have Waite's Associates draft a plan using the current river pathway for ADA compliance, leading to back entrance with an extension to porch/patio area; passed unanimously 5-0.

The current bathroom could use a new door to make that wider.

Climate Control-Matt explained that a mini-split system could be used--there would be a unit inside as well as one outside. There could be supply chain problems w/this project. Matt suggested an assessment of the whole building rather than just focusing on the art room; then it all would be done. Assess the art room first as that requires different climate control than the rest of the bldg. A mechanical engineer, hired by Waite's Associates, would be needed to assess the whole building & make his recommendations.

Motion made by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Tom McMorris, instructing Waite's Associates to do whatever needs to be done to accomplish a proposal for the whole building, including a separate proposal for the art room, & present the findings when completed; passed unanimously 5-0. Matt suggested that anyone who wanted to, tour the grounds at the Museum to check out the side path by the river up to the back of the Museum building, entering through the Battenkill Room that already has a ramp. Check out where extension would go to access porch/patio area, going around to front door. Those present that wanted to, walked the pathway, which would need clearing back & whatever other work that might be required to make it handicap accessible. Matt made comments & answered any questions pre-sented. A big thank-you to Matt for coming to the special meeting & giving us his opinions on what needs to be accomplished to get the Museum up & running.

Back to the Community Room for adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn-**Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the special meeting of the Salem Town Board regarding the Georgi; passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

