

Baldwin School Use Committee – 3/16/16

Attendance: Kurt Olafsen, Paul Thomas, Deb Boulanger, Bruce Crawford, Paul Howe from Cote & Howe
3/2/16 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Commercial Use: Paul Howe met with the Committee in regards to potential commercial uses. He was able to tour the building prior to the meeting. He reported that there appeared to be excellent possibilities. Smaller offices for individual businesses/traveling sales, etc. and larger school rooms that would accommodate service people, medical professionals, manufacturers, plumbers/contractor storage, and heated storage. Numerous possibilities.

Recommendations from Paul:

Determine if we are willing to modify the space to accommodate the renter, the cost to maintain the space, rent amount.

Have high speed internet available

Advertising: In the paper(s), brochures, social media, and word of mouth.

First Recommendation to the Select Board:

1. Change the name of the building from Baldwin Consolidated School to Baldwin Community Center, which includes changing the lettering on the building at the main entrance.
2. Change the name of the Committee from Baldwin School Use Committee to Baldwin Community Center Committee
3. Hire an employee to handle maintenance , cleaning and security for the property.
4. Hire and employee to facilitate and oversee uses of the building as soon as the occupancy permit is received.

Town Office Plans: Jeff Fleming provided an initial floor plan for the town office space. These plans were reviewed and after speaking with Debbie Wakefield, there was a small change recommendation to the front office space. With this change, the initial blue prints were approved by the committee.

Public: Kathy Pierce provided information in regards to Building Use charts that were on display at the town meeting as well as the verbal conversations she had with residents. Positive interaction/outcome

Next Steps:

Learning about grants. Speak with Nadine Daniels, who works with Cumberland County assisting in grant writing. Begin discussion on estimated cost to operate the property; utilities, boiler costs, etc.