

SPECIAL MEETING
Seal Building Workshop
June 22, 2020

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ideas that the Appearance Committee has for the future of the Seal Building and get feedback from the Council regarding those ideas.

Mayor Coley H. Rhodes called the Special Meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the following Council members present: Walt Bynum, Jackie Grice, Ben Harper, Ken D. Horne and Donnie Bass. The following Appearance Committee members were also present: June Shingleton, Linda Mooring, Billy Manning, Neil Vick, Susan Bynum, Janie Williams and Dr. Philip Perkins. Also present was Town Manager Gary Davis and Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey. There were several others present from the public.

Mayor Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Council members expressed to the Appearance Committee the need to have and agree on an overall plan for the future of the Seal Building.

June Shingleton informed the Council that the Appearance Committee would like to build a shelter off the back of the Seal Building to protect the woodwork and to create a type of courtyard that could possibly house vendors or a farmer's market. Mrs. Shingleton stated that the Appearance Committee would love to have businesses come to Main St., but feels that something must be created to draw people there in order for those businesses to succeed. Dr. Perkins informed the Council that he feels it would be best to create something inexpensive and multifunctional so that it could possibly be rented out or even host Town events. Mrs. Mooring stated that it would be nice to move the Crepe Myrtle Festival back to Main St. and use this courtyard for booths. Mrs. Mooring also informed the Council that John Whitley has donated some historical grates from the Thomas Jefferson Rotunda in Virginia to possibly fence in one side of what would be the courtyard. At this time, Mayor Rhodes also informed the Council that Jane Lancaster has offered the Town the use of equipment and labor to help clean up behind the Seal Building. June Shingleton also informed the Council that they were in need of a project supervisor to oversee the work being done on the Seal Building. Councilman Bynum stated that, with the Board's permission, he would like to speak with Steve Mooring and discuss possibly having him be the project supervisor. All Council members agreed.

After much discussion, the consensus of the Board was to go ahead with the idea of a courtyard and asked that the Appearance Committee get quotes for the work that needs to be done and present them at a future Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey, Town Clerk

Coley H. Rhodes, Mayor