

**Approved: September 24, 2018**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: September 12, 2018**  
**Present: Freiman, Sullivan Woods, Ulfelder, Morgan**  
**Also Present: Robinson**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Wellesley Town Hall PowerPoint Presentation

**1. Call to Order and Citizen Speak**

Ms. Freiman, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Citizen Speak: None.

Ms. Freiman announced the meeting was being telecast live on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 and streamed by Wellesley Media and is recorded for subsequent viewing on the cable channels or at [wellesleymedia.org](http://wellesleymedia.org).

Ms. Freiman announced that the purpose of the meeting was to obtain feedback from the community on what has been learned through the feasibility and visioning process to address deficiencies inside Town Hall. She introduced Ryan Foster with McGinley Kalsow Architects and Kevin Kennedy, Project Manager with FMD and turned the balance of the presentation over to them.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Freiman asked if anyone would like to comment. Ms. Sullivan Woods inquired whether the foot traffic to departments in the building was part of the data gathering process. Mr. Foster indicated that they relied on department head information but not actual counts, and further noted that some departments have seasonal shifts in foot traffic such as tax payment due dates. Others, such as the building department have a steady stream of users given the permitting process.

Mr. Grant Brown, Chair of the Historical Commission, noted that he was glad to see that an annex in another location rather than an addition to the building seemed to be the preferred solution. He also thought that more meeting rooms, improved wayfinding, attention to the brick work of the building and respect for the existing parkland were all positive steps forward. Mr. Ulfelder noted that he would like the committee to explore the idea of moving the Sustainable Energy Committee office to an annex, especially if it is placed at Municipal Way as there are many synergies between this office and other departments located there. Ms. Phyllis Theerman of Sustainable Wellesley also rose to speak. She applauded the work being done to renovate the building, noting that it demonstrates to residents that renovation can work, that it preserves the character of the town, and reinforces that we don't need to just build something new. Ms. Catherine Johnson, Chair of the Planning Board, noted that an annex similar to the one built by the Town of Needham is a very good idea and would benefit residents and contractors looking to business all in one location.

Ms. Freiman noted that the committee would like to receive any feedback from residents on this topic ahead of the architects completing this study by the end of the year. Further planning will be needed to determine the path forward should the board decide to pursue an annex, especially in light of the deadline set by the State that the Town complete the ADA upgrades by 2022 (three years after the completion of the exterior renovations).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.