

Meetinghouse Public Forum Feedback

Possible Options for the Future of the Meetinghouse

Option A: Complete Phase II of the Restoration Plan: Repair the timber frame and roof.

Option B: Complete Phase II & III: Repair the timber frame, roof, interior and exterior finishes, adding electricity, insulation, HVAC, landscaping and parking.

Option C: Complete Phase II, III & IV: Repair the timber frame, roof, interior and exterior finishes, adding electricity, insulation, HVAC, landscaping, parking, and adding an addition to the rear of the building that would include an ADA accessible bathroom, warming kitchen, storage and a mechanical room.

Option D: **Have the town sell the property.**

Option E: Other potential options:

1. Finish the interior and exterior but without following the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Historic Rehabilitation.
2. Enter a private/public partnership for the ownership and future use of the Meetinghouse
3. Sell the Meetinghouse but with restrictions to maintain its National Registry of Historic Places status.

Participants were given the opportunity to "vote" which options they agreed with and/or disagreed with. Participants present were given 4 blue sticky notes (agree) and 4 red sticky notes (disagree). There were a handful of folks who emailed in their preferences and they had a red and/or blue sticky note on their preferences based on their email.

There were about 20 people who participated in providing input, which does not include the members of the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee.

There were a total of 83 notes placed beside the options, 53 blue and 30 red, as follows:

Option A: 18 blue, 0 red

Option B: 5 blue, 1 red

Option C: 18 blue, 2 red

Option D: 1 blue, 21 red

Option E:

1. 0 blue, 4 red
2. 5 blue, 1 red
3. 1 blue, 6 red

In general, the results would indicate that there is a greater interest in completing Phase II of the project which is to repair the timber frame and replace the roof as well to complete all phases of the project, II, III, & IV, which would include an addition that would make the Meetinghouse a fully functional meeting facility up to today's building codes and with modern amenities.

There appears to be very little interest in selling the property from the town's inventory of assets.