**TOWN OF SOUTH HERO**

# Town Office Move Feasibility Committee Minutes

Monday May 15, 2023 6pm

Town Hall Meeting Room

In person only, no zoom option

Present- Michael Carroll, Ross Brown, Carl Frenning, Naomi King,

Steve Robinson and Anne Zolotas. Absent- Doug Patterson and Nate Hayward.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Ross Brown was nominated for Chair by Anne Zolotas.

The motion was seconded by Steve Robinson.

This committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of moving the town office across the road to the Old Meeting House site and/or find funding for a remodel or rebuild.

Discussion: The town office building needs a lot of work to make it functional for our current and future needs.

Known issues include a large crack in the NW corner of the building, electrical issues, poorly fitting windows, lack of insulation and lack of space for meetings and elections. We need more room for offices and vault expansion. The crawl space is very wet and there is mold under the listers office and in the front hall closet.

 We will schedule a building inspection to determine what it might cost to renovate and or expand the building.

 (Moving the town offices into the meeting house building was discussed but the meeting house is a historic building seeking preservation funding so it doesn’t seem practical to try to house the town office there.)

 Possibilities for rebuilding include the site of the old red fire station adjacent to the meeting house or rebuilding on the current site. (If this building is torn down a new building could be reoriented to improve parking and functionality.)

The town office staff will come up with a list of needs and look at the cost of enlarging the vault. Everyone will look over the list of possible funding sources.

 The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

 We will meet again Monday 5/29 at 6pm.