

# Timeline for Addison Town Hall Project

2002

At the Town meeting a motion was made and passed to add money to Town Hall fund each year to keep it funded

2003

An Addison Town Hall study committee was formed.

2008

The Addison Baptist Church would deed the Town Hall to the town with a connection to the church of a state approved septic system for the town hall. A motion was made and accepted to spend up to \$10,000 to determine the cost of a system for town hall, church, town clerk's office, fire station and Addison Central School.

2009

Wastewater feasibility study of the town village center was conducted at a cost of \$14,480. The study identified properties in the village center and their wastewater needs including municipal buildings and the church property. It also identified surrounding lands where a potential wastewater site could be situated.

2010

Hired Arnold and Scangas Architects to provide a feasibility study for Addison Town Hall at a cost of \$10,275.

2011

Presented floor plan drawings at the March Town Meeting produced by Arnold and Scangas.

2012

Committee presented report on wastewater study with test planned for next March at annual town meeting.'

Town Warning for articles:

Do the voters of the town of Addison support taking ownership and responsibility of the town hall and the land it sits on from the church by an agreement to supply a connection to the wastewater system for the town hall? 180 yes 130 no

Shall the voters of the Town of Addison authorize the selectboard to borrow not more than \$55,380 to study a wastewater study for the potential restoration of the original town hall? 165 yes 144 no

2014

Town hall committee report stated that negotiations with school and church on land swaps. Test plots for wastewater treatment area are in place for testing to begin in the spring.

2015

Shall the voters of Addison establish a reserve fund to be called the town hall reserve fund to be used for the town hall in accordance with 24 VSA 2804 to be funded with voter approved budget appropriations for the year commencing March 1,2016 to fund the reserve fund.

315 yes 138 noes

Shall the voters of the town of Addison authorize the select board to borrow not more than \$50,000 to fund phase 2 of the wastewater fund?

323 yes 131 no

Selectboard report:

“Another special item is a loan for \$50,000 for the second phase of the wastewater project. We have paid off the first loan of approximately \$50,000. The next phases, which will happen concurrently, will be the survey and planning for the line to reach from the mound site to the town center. The loan will allow this to happen. Along with this, the Town Hall committee is meeting with the school board to discuss a land swap necessary to make the lot under the town hall a conforming lot. Talks are also under way with Gosliga Farms for the easement on the wastewater site and access.”

2016

“Shall the selectboard be authorized to enter negotiations with the board of school directors with respect to an exchange of property, the definitive terms of which to be subject to approval by the voters of the Town of Addison at an annual or special meeting thereafter”. Approved by voice vote

“The town hall committee, working as an advisory committee for the selectboard and the school Board is working on an exchange of land design for parking. John Spencer has been appointed by the selectboard to discuss this with the school board.”

2017

Shall the selectboard be authorized to complete the land exchange agreement and all transfers subject to obligations set forth therein entered by the town of Addison and Addison school district, now the Addison Northwest School District by merger, Dated April 5,2017 and April 19,2017 passed 170 yes 60 no

2018

In the town report the floor plan showing Scheme 3.1A was printed. This plan was one with side door entrance with no shelter for entrance. It also covered half of western windows. Floor plan was later revised.

A bond for \$780,000 was passed to build the wastewater project serving the historic town hall, Baptist Church, fire department and the present town clerk's office.

2019

The town received a Village Center Designation after the Town application.

The town hall committee reported that the work of the committee in 2020 would focus on wastewater project, updating architect drawings and costs and the calendar for the renovation of the town hall to a modern town clerk's office and town owned town meeting place.

2020

Town received a loan forgiveness of \$353,233.03 on the wastewater bond.

2021

The town report featured a picture mockup of the restored town hall on the front cover.

The town received a \$75,000 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant toward replacement of the foundation of the historic town hall

The new revised floor plans and elevations were printed in the town report.

2022

The town voted and passed a bond vote in Nov Selectboard ember for the restoration of the town hall in the amount of \$2,068,019. 322 yes 262 no They would not allow an application to the DRB for a variance for building permit to put the project to go out to bid.

2023

Selectboard requests different designs for town hall that would not require a variance. Also requests designs that would have new stairway and elevator in current building. It was shown that there was no way to build to meet ADA without an addition to the building. Town Hall Committee submits a plan that needs only a variance toward the north property line and Route 17. DRB issues a variance.

2024

Architect conducts final engineering study and new estimate for revised plan. Selectboard agrees on to contract with architect for final plans for revised plans. New estimate comes in \$300,000 over previous estimate on prior plan in 2022. Committee submits 3 plans to architect to reduce cost of project. The vote to rescind the bond vote in 2022 is passed before any more plans can be made. The grants applied for and received are canceled.

Funds spent or bonded for the project of renovating the Addison Town Hall for Town Offices and municipal activities to date is \$653,073.25. This amount increases as interest is accrued on the bond for wastewater projects.

Requesting funds already in Town Hall Fund be spent for the architects to produce costs for the three alternative plans that the building committee proposed. These plans would include reducing the use of the basement, the stairs or elevator would not be finished for second floor. These would also include a plan in which the second floor would not be used for town purposes and would be accessible only by the original front stairs.