

61-63 Summer St Re-Use Committee meeting of 3/11 at Artspace at 10:30a.m.

Present :K.Brown,B.Berghaus,A.Moerlein,L.Dunn,E.Duggan

Absent:L.Ghere

Guests:J.Bourgeois,Facilities Manager for Artspace,G. Irwin,Artspace Board President and S.Mumford,Executive Director for Artspace

Committee members and Artspace personnel toured the entire complex(see floor plan).

In general, the following was noted:

Tenants were in various stages of removing their belongings and vacating their studios as town has only extended the building lease until June 30,2023.

Efforts were underway to dispose of 20 plus years of collections, belongings, etc. in common spaces

ACME Theatre spaces intact with no obvious efforts to vacate. ACME pays rent to ARTSPACE

Bldg. is heated by gas and boiler installed in 2001.Water obvious on boiler room floor with hoses in areas??ED confirmed February Eversource bill for heat and light was \$4000.(no zones so heat is either on or off)

Old Emerson/Fowler Jr high first floor was occupiable

Old high school(1916)had evidence of old fire in ceiling but this floor and wing was not occupied.

Questions posed by Artspace:

Might it be possible to host special programs in habitable part of building in the future? On occasion?

Some concern that some tenants have indicated that they will not leave and Artspace was looking for guidance on how this should be and would be handled.

State of fire suppression system

Intent of Senator Eldridge grant of \$200,000? Both TA and Artspace would like committee to discuss and would like this resolved(see Greg's email). Town interprets entire amount reverts to town since Artspace is vacating property. Lawyer for Senator Eldridge 's opinion according to Artspace was money was intended for Artspace and the town. G.Irwin would like even split with Artspace half going to finance the move out of Summer St, operating cost of new facility and possibly finance the build out of new space.

Committee discussed our charge ,options preliminarily after the tour and scheduled our next meeting for 3/16 at 7 at the library.

Meeting adjourned about 12:35 pm by motion of Andy and seconded by Ellen.All in favor

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*By Jim Alexander - Asst. Town Clerk at 10:15 am, Jul 20, 2023*