

Tracy Memorial Hall-workshop for preservation and use

Sign up sheet for attendance.

Introduction

This meeting is just a beginning in a long conversation. This is an environment to hear ideas of others and to bring our own thoughts to the table. This is all about the future of our Tracy Building. What we hear tonight may inspire new ideas, brilliant concepts, which you can bring the next meet. This is a workshop only, no business will be done.

Brief History: Tracy family builds Tracy Memorial Hall for Village of Chatham, hired then local Architect Horace Peasley, building is now on the National Historic Register.

Village taken on stabilization and repair of the Tracy, seeking funding, has hired J. Waite and Associates, and a professional grant writer.

Formation of fund raising and advisory committee the "Friends of Tracy". Acknowledgements to Steve Oberon for getting the Tracy on the Historic Register.

Open discussion about:

- 1) brainstorm shared services, shared space, funding opportunities
- 2) how much space is needed by Village, by Town, by courts?
- 3) record storage
- 4) access to building, ADA compliance, parking
- 5) develop a committee to study the possibilities and develop a vision

Will the combining of Town and Village in the same building(s):

- 1) keep the Tracy safe, maintained, and secure for generations to come?
- 2) improve customer service?
- 3) realize a net tax reduction for the residents of the Town and Village(2/3 of Village is Ghent)?
- 4) improve working relationship between Village and Towns?
- 5) improve office efficiency and communication?

Set next meeting date.

Adjourn workshop

Tom Curran, Mayor
Village of Chatham