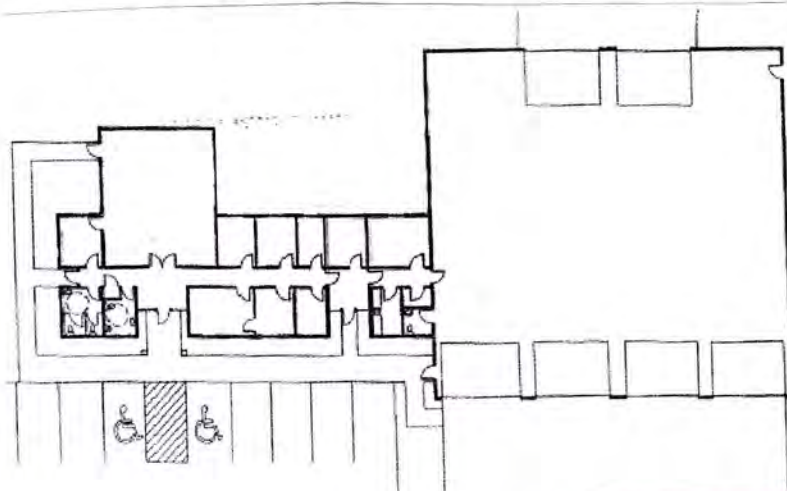
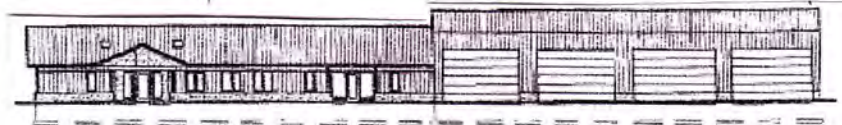


Proposed Afton Town Garage and Town Hall Building



① PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"



① PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

This new building will bring an up to date and much needed facility to our town. It will combine the town garage and office, the Town Clerk and Supervisor offices, the Town Judge's office and court room and a new town hall meeting room with ample parking in a central location. Its proposed site along Rte. 7 North of town is flood safe and on property that the town already owns.

The architect's estimate is \$1,242,192.00. This consists of \$160,504.00 of the site preparation that we can do with our existing men and equipment bringing this cost down to \$1,082,688.00. FEMA has granted us \$515,000.00. We have \$200,000.00 in a building fund that could be used. This would bring the cost down to \$366,688.00. Bonding this would create an estimated \$20,000.00 a year payment or fifteen (.15) cents per thousand tax load. The current preliminary budget for 2012 is an eight (.08) cent decrease per thousand. The statement that Afton can't afford a new building does not ring true after looking at the facts.

The cost to the tax payer under our present situation to maintain our current 3 buildings is about \$28,000.00 per year. Maintaining one new building with a new heating system could save \$15,000.00 per year which would almost cover the cost of the bond. A storage building the town owns could now be sold and there are two parties presently interested. The current town hall would become available as a taxable business on Main Street helping out our tax base.

FEMA will recall the \$515,000.00 if a New public works maintenance garage is not built. This is a one time 'Use it or Lose it' offer that will expire.

The idea of updating our existing town hall carries an estimated cost of \$388,686.00. We cannot use any FEMA money for this upgrade. Bringing the current building up to code will leave us with an even smaller meeting room than we have now and any projected growth for our town offices and facilities in the future will be stifled due to the confines of this small space, limited land, and limited parking.

When looking at all the facts, we feel it makes good sense to go forward with this building plan.

John H. Lawrence
Town Supervisor

**There will be a Public Vote regarding this issue on
Tuesday, February 7th from 8:00am – 8:00pm
At the Afton Fire Station**

**All legal residents of Afton age 18 and older who have resided in Afton
for 30 days or more are eligible for this Vote.**