

MN Spear Library Reuse Committee - March 9, 2026

Members: Rita Farrell, Chair, Paul Lyons, Susie Mosher, Stephen Dallmus, Mary Jo Johnson, and Henry Geddes

Minutes and recording of meetings from Sept. 18, 2025 to the present are available on our town web site.

Charge: Consider a comprehensive analysis of potential re-uses for this historic building. The analysis should include future uses by the municipality, including municipal offices and other potential uses by boards, committees, and town organizations.

Fact: A town building must have at least minimal use to remain insured.

Step 1: We sent out a survey to all town departments, boards and committees to assess space needs. We received 17 responses with comments.

Work: Through our discussions it became clear that we needed to consider the re-use/use of both the M.N. Spear building and Town Hall since: 1) the current use of space in Town Hall is not considered adequate for some functions (e.g. the police department, town clerk's office and record storage) and 2) if a department presently in Town Hall should move to the Spear building, that would likely precipitate a reorganization of office spaces in Town Hall.

Presentation: We have provided a table focused on ten criteria for three options to address future municipal uses of both the Spear building and Town Hall. We also included a possible revised floor plan for the lower level of Town Hall (if the Police Department is to be relocated there), and a description of state requirements for procurement and prevailing wages.