

We have read with great interest a number of emails with the subject line "Does Mantoloking really need a 5,000,000.00 Town Hall?" In an effort to be completely transparent, the committee charged with the Borough Hall Project has tried to keep the community informed about our process and our progress. The committee began working in March of 2013. Since that time, we have had numerous updates at council meetings, and the council has voted on various stages as we work through the process. In addition, we had two special meetings for the community in August, one in the afternoon, and one in the evening, where the architect was available with the preliminary plans to explain our decisions and to solicit input from the residents. The plans have not changed since that time. At the March 17th Council meeting, we plan to give a detailed update on the project that includes the project timeline, an outline of the building requirements necessary to meet Federal and State Law (including FEMA Flood/ Critical Structure Requirements) and requirements specific to our municipality. The architect and flood plain manager will be on hand to present and answer questions. The Finance Committee will then present options to fund the project, including how the FEMA reimbursement that we have on hand fits in. We will allow at least two weeks of time to digest and sort through the input and then vote on a resolution that allows the project to continue to move forward. We have made significant progress since Sandy cast a very dark shadow over Mantoloking. Let's continue to work collaboratively and as a community to make sure we continue to address the significant issues that will shape our town in the short term and for generations to come.

Please consult the mantoloking.org website for additional information prior to and after the March 17 meeting.