

About Mantoloking's Borough Hall
A Second Open Letter from Mayor George C. Nebel

December 23, 2015

To My Fellow Mantoloking Residents and Taxpayers:

Your correspondence about replacing Mantoloking's borough hall in response to the open letter I posted on December 9 has led the mayor and council to conclude that the **weight of public opinion** favors us taking the time to review the report of the Hollister Group before making any decisions about restoring borough hall.

So that is what we are going to do. We have cancelled the special meeting, public hearing, and vote on Bond Ordinance 653 scheduled for Tuesday, December 29. Instead, we will wait to consider the value engineering study on our current plans being prepared by Hollister Construction Services at the request of the *group of citizens that was formed after the November council meeting*.

Once the Hollister report is complete, we will share it with the public and everyone will have more facts upon which to make an informed decision. The mayor and council will probably consider the following options once we have time to review the report:

1. If the report is complimentary, we can explain the findings to the public and move ahead;
2. If the report suggests there are substantial savings in modifying the existing structure and by reformatting the bid, we can make the modifications and re-bid;
3. If the report suggests the building is totally over engineered and costly, we can pursue the course of action proposed in the report submitted by the *group of citizens that was formed after the November council meeting*. Specifically, with input from the community, we can study alternatives and recommend one or more that better address the three critical issues identified by the group of citizens: reasonable cost, character of our community, and optimal to acceptable delivery of essential services.

Please share your observations about this letter with me at boroclerk@mantoloking.org