New Library Study Committee
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 3
August 10, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: W Barney, J Bielot, M Callahan, E Dillon, J Leatherbee, M Lehmacher, R Parady
Alternates Present: C McCarthy
Also present: M Gilroy, J Leach

Call to Order – Chairman Barney called the New Library Study Committee meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of July 27, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes – Accepted as presented.

Old Business –

A. Building Fair Market Value – Chairman Barney contacted Dee Hasuly, a local realtor, to provide the committee with a Current Market Analysis for both to the current properties.

B. Input from Selected Groups – Chairman Barney contacted the Superintendent of Schools to provide input to the committee. The superintendent indicated that he would. He also contacted Brad Parker to get input from the Seniors. He mentioned contacting the Economic Development Commission. R Parady, who is a member of the commission indicated that he would bring it up at their next meeting.

C. Size of Proposed New Library – Discussion took place regarding trying to define the size of the building that we'd be recommending. The minimum size we've been discussing of 14K-15K sq feet will be determined by the State's Library Space Planning spreadsheet. The sub-committee will work with the Library Director to fill that out. Based on the State's recommendations, we will identify the minimum building & lot size requirements.

D. Ranking of Library Building Sites – Discussion took place regarding developing a matrix to identify the sites we've discussed including sites that we've identified and have been discounted as not being suitable with commentary as to why.

E. Other -

New Business –

A. Discussion of what a 21st century Library should contain – An extended discussion regarding the thoughts and ideas the sub-committee has come up with to date with regard to things the new library should provide. Many of them are contained in the State's library space planning design spreadsheet and planning document.

B. Other – Resident survey. Chairman Barney will contact the East Haddam News to find out what advertising rates are for a ½ page. The sub-committee will come up with questions for a brief survey that will hopefully be made available via the Internet and published in the East Haddam News next month to get input from the public. Results would then be analyzed and compiled in October.

Audience of Citizens – The public members that attended the meeting took part in the various parts of the discussion regarding the current and potential future buildings and locations.

The YouTube recording of the meeting is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yaoRFc1fF8.

Adjournment -
Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bielot, Secretary