New Library Study Committee
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 3
October 19, 2022
Special Meeting Minutes

Members Present: W. Barney, J. Bielot, J. Leatherbee, R. Parady
Alternates Present: M. Mazur, C. McCarthy
Also present: M. Gilroy

Call to Order – Chairman Barney called the New Library Study Committee meeting to order at 7:03 PM, and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business –

A. Payment of Invoice – Motion made by R. Parady and second by J. Leatherbee to approve paying the invoice in the amount of $603.00 for the printing and distribution of the survey to the East Haddam News. The motion passed 5-0-0.

B. Preparation of the Final Report – Discussion commenced led by Chairman Barney regarding improvements to or expansions of information contained in the current draft of the final report.

   He recommended adding information regarding how the committee concluded that the existing buildings were not suitable for rehabilitation. The current draft does not really discuss in detail the issues and inability to resolve most/all of them.

   Part of the charge for the committee was to also recommend what to do with the existing buildings. The committee feels that although the buildings are historic and beautiful architectural buildings, any town or professional business uses would require that they be ADA Compliant; thus, the significant cost to upgrade them would need to be expended.

   C McCarthy recommended that we produce both printed copies of the report as well as a 'digital' copy which could be easily made available via the Internet.

   Discussion took place regarding where to have the reports produced. Staples was recommended. J. Bielot recommended contacting Linda Zemienieski to see if the town routinely used a company to do this. Essex Printing was a possibility.

   The committee then reviewed the existing draft to make changes or corrections that anyone had identified.

Audience of Citizens –

There were no citizens present or who had reached out to the committee.

The YouTube recording of the meeting is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqzgQciffj4.

Adjournment -

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bielot, Secretary