New Library Study Committee
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 3
November 9, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: W Barney, J Bielot, M Callahan, E Dillon, J Leatherbee, M Lehmacher, R Parady
Alternates Present: C McCarthy, M Mazur
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.

Review of October 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes – M. Mazur pointed out a typo in the minutes. The word 'no' in the 3rd paragraph in old business should be 'not'. The sentence should read "Normally he would discard anonymous letters but chose to bring it up as it was not a hostile letter…" A motion was made by E. Dillon and seconded by J. Leatherbee to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Review of October 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes – Chairman Barney added an item to the agenda to review the minutes of the meeting of October 12 which had not been done previously. J. Leatherbee made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by R. Parady. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Old Business –

A. Review Committee Report - Discussion occurred regarding the current draft of the final report and minor updates or changes made by C. McCarthy since the last meeting. In response to a concern raised that the committee may not have had input regarding requested services that a new library would provide from all age groups in the community, Chairman Barney indicated that he personally reached out to the Superintendent of Schools and to the Senior Center Director in August to get input from the school administration and seniors in the committees process. Both expressed interest in having someone from their agency involved but the committee did not receive anything from either town agency. No one representing either agency attended any of the meetings nor corresponded with the committee. M. Lehmacher indicated that she had spoken with a member of the Board of Education, and they were disappointed that they were not asked for input. Apparently, the Superintendent of Schools did not indicate to the Board of Education that a request had been received. Chairman Barney indicated that in contrast to the Superintendent of Schools and Senior Center Director, that multiple town personnel went out of their way to help the committee throughout the process.

B. Other – Correspondence received from D. Barlow, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees thanking the committee for the work that had been done.

   Correspondence was received from D. Denette regarding missing meeting minutes from the town's web site. Discussion occurred. Chairman Barney was going to look back at the agenda for the missing minutes and will try to get them to the Town Clerk.

New Business -

A. Approval of Final Report –A motion was made by J. Bielot and seconded by R. Parady to accept the approximately 130-page final report and to have approximately 4-dozen copies produced, with the final cost not to exceed $800. The motion passed 7-0-0.

B. Dates of Meeting with Board of Selectmen – Chairman Barney indicated that he had received dates of Wednesday December 7th or December 21st to present the report to the Board of Selectman. Discussion occurred. The committee wanted to stay away from the holidays at the end of the month and agreed that December 7th would be the preferred date.

C. Approve Invoice – Chairman Barney discussed the printing and binding of the final report with L. Zemienieski in the Selectman's Office, and it was decided to have the work done at Staples. C. McCarthy had an approximate cost of $700 for 3-4 dozen copies. A motion was made by M. Callahan and seconded by R. Parady to spend up to $800 to have 4-dozen or more copies of the report produced. The motion passed 7-0-0.

D. Other -

Audience of Citizens – There were no Citizens at the meeting.

The recording of the meeting is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvOb5FLtKxg.

Adjournment -

Without objection, the final meeting of the committee was adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Bielot, Secretary