New Library Study Committee
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 3
June 8, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order – Chairman Barney called the New Library Study Committee meeting to order at 7:01 PM and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of May 25, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes – Motion made by E Dillon and seconded by R Parady to Accept the minutes as presented. Passed 7-0-0.

Old Business –

Charmain Barney reviewed the committee charge.

Conversation occurred regarding the 5-year-old Fellner ADA Reports. The buildings were described as historic parts of the town but the significant costs to comply with ADA requirements, the limited parking which is easily overloaded whenever there is an event held, and the inability of the buildings to be enlarged significantly due to small lot sizes, wetlands (EHFPL) or ledge (Rathbun). Adjacent properties are privately owned.

It was determined by the committee that given the constraints; the buildings cannot be adapted to support modern library needs and an alternate solution would be required.

Conversation occurred regarding town owned properties that had previously been investigated as possible suitable locations as the Library System committee spent time researching properties with the town's Land Use Administrator.

M Gilroy was charged with producing the sq footage of libraries and population for surrounding towns. M Gilroy will also provide the committee information used in the state required calculations to determine the square footage for library services. It was his recollection, since the calculations were done a few years ago, that the result was 14,000 sq feet. According to the Fellner ADA Reports, the current libraries provide approximately 10,281 sq feet.

W Barney will try to get together with the town's Land Use Administrator to investigate whether there is sufficient space on the Municipal Office Complex (MOC) plot to construct a 2-story 14,000sq ft building as someone mentioned that at one point there was a plan to relocate the fire department to the property when the MOC was built. He will report at the next meeting.

New Business -

A. As part of the June 22nd meeting, an inspection of MOC Lower-Level will be done with the Facilities Director. Chairman Barney will try to get the town's Directory of Emergency Management to attend also to get his perspective as he was a member of the MOC Building Committee.

B. Establish action calendar for upcoming meetings – Meetings will be held @ 7pm in Meeting Room 3 of the Municipal Office Complex on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month until the last meeting scheduled for November 9th. A schedule has been provided to the board members and the Town Clerk.

Audience of Citizens

Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Bielot, Secretary