

**Community Center/Library Committee
Meeting Minutes from Monday, March 13, 2023**

Mike called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present were: Mike, Rich, Roger, and Audrey. John, Paul, Peter (Architect), and Bryant (Project Manager) attended virtually.

Minutes from the March 6th meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Mike handed out the FINAL Budget for the project. General discussion ensued. The budgeted amount, taking out some of the agreed items, came in just about on target. Peter broke the optional items out, but left them at the end of the budget so that the committee would know the exact costs of each item for reference going forward, principally the Cupola and the basement under the Community Room.

Mike informed the committee that Peter has suggested a 3% contingency fund for the project, the committee was originally estimating 10% but after talking with the Builder Risk Insurance person the committee voted unanimously on an approximately 6.0% contingency fund for the project.

The committee also voted unanimously to request a place on the next Select Board Meeting Agenda on March 16th at 7:00 p.m. to recommend going forward with a Warrant Article for \$3,600,000.00 for the construction of a new Community Center, Library, Emergency Center and Addition to the Public Safety Building. If approved, the vote of the town's voters will take place at Town Meeting on May 11th. If approved by the voters, the project would begin immediately and would be built in 2023-2024.

The committee agreed that it is necessary for the Town to purchase a Builders Risk Insurance Policy for the Project.

Peter and Bryant left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

John suggested and the committee voted to notify Meredith Village Savings and Bank of New Hampshire that we were no longer interested in having them participate in the project. The committee also agreed that a special thanks should be delivered to Ken Sawyer at Franklin Savings Bank thanking him for all his efforts and assistance regarding the possibly financing the project. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Town accept the proposal from Union Bank of Vermont.

Ron Collins from the Historical Society requested a meeting with the committee regarding storage of their historic items. The committee asked him to come to our next meeting on March 20th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the matter.

Paul stopped at Everett Begor's house and measured the new Gazebo Equipment Trailer and determined that it is tight, but that it will fit through the garage door in the basement of the new building.

Roger discusses the Pledge Forms and the point was made that the Committee has to be assured any donations will be tax deductible.

The committee discussed oversight of the project when it passes and all agreed Roger should get in touch the Joe Hogan and see if he would be interested. The committee has set aside \$10,000 in the budget for oversight.

The Town has scheduled a Public Bond Hearing for the Project on Thursday, March 30th in the basement of the Church at 6:00 p.m.

The committee decided to have another Public Informational Hearing on the Project on May 2nd in the basement of the Church. Duplicating the approach taken with respect to the last meeting, plans will be open to the public to view from 3:00 – 6:30 pm when the official presentation of the Project will begin.

A motion was made and unanimously voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Johnson, Secretary