Community Center/Library Committee Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 28, 2022

Mike called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. upstairs in the Town Hall

Members present were Mike, Rich, Paul, Roger, and Audrey. John attended virtually.

Minutes from the Nov. 21st meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

At 5:25 p.m. the Construction Manager forwarded some preliminary budget figures to Mike. They were printed and each committee member given a copy with the understanding that each member would do a comprehensive review of them prior to our next regular meeting.

A quick thirty-minute review of the budget information led to the conclusion that the format would be easier to understand if the costs associated with the relocation of the Old Fire Station were broken out. Mike will forward that request to the Construction Manager hoping the new format can be sent to the committee prior to our next regular meeting.

The committee requested that Rich ask the Town Administration Office to compile an itemization of the expenses of running the existing Library for a year and distribute the information before our next meeting.

The ceiling height of the new facility was discussed. It is currently at twelve feet. We discussed lowering the community room to ten feet and the library to nine feet. The question was tabled for committee review with the Architect at the next meeting.

We discussed the best date to hold a Public Hearing on our progress and it was decided that it would be after the School Deliberative Session, which is to be held in the first week of February.

Philanthropy was briefly discussed. Roger is organizing a committee and he feels that we should make furnishing our first fund raising priority. His committee will look to gathering pledges sometime prior to our first Public Hearing but after the School Deliberative Session in early February.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn until our next meeting December 5th. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey Johnson