

Lee Public Library Community Center Building Committee

January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members present: Thomas Dolan, Sharon Taylor, Paul Gasowski, Chuck Cox, Leslie Martin and Zachary Smith

Others present: Annie Gasowski, Library Trustee Chair, Cynthia Giguere-Unrein, Library Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

- The committee approved the agenda as published.
- The Minutes of the January 4, 2014 meeting were approved as published.

The committee members shared their impressions of the LPLCC bond hearing and the decision by the Select Board to exclude the LPLCC bond warrant article from the warrant. Overall, the committee felt that there was much to be learned from the experience in that it provided insight into the concerns and interests of both the Select Board and the townspeople that attended.

Cynthia Giguere-Unrein updated the committee on a revised presentation reflecting a LPLCC project revenue stream that was more in line with the perceived preferences of the Select Board and with emphasis on the following:

- Our primary objective is to educate and inform the townspeople and town officials of the value, need and benefit of the proposed Lee Public Library Community Center
- The LPLCC Foundation is meeting with a consultant for assistance in expediting and expanding fund raising efforts.
- The time to the anticipated bond vote in CY 2015 can be used effectively in promoting the project and working to develop the support of the townspeople.
- Delay and the Inflation rates are important considerations and could potentially provide the basis for the call of a 'special vote'.
- The presentation details 'current' numbers and for the purposes of the 2nd Public Information session on January 23rd, these numbers would be presented as 'proposed to and not approved by' the Select Board.

The committee then discussed the Community Center aspects of the library and noted the favorable comments that were made on the part of some who attended the LPLCC Bond hearing. Discussion involved:

- The many grant possibilities that are potentially available to such a center
- The appeal of such a center to people of all ages and as a venue for a wide variety of activities
- The concept of a Community Center anchored by the Library
- The need to communicate that concept more fully to the townspeople
- The possibility of adding a 'Community Center' representative to the LPLCC team

The committee then discussed the agenda for the up-coming 2nd Public information session on January 23, 2014 with emphasis on the following:

- The need to reach out and contact neighbors and friends to increase attendance. Each agreed to contact five people.
- The emphasis will be on promoting support for the project with the 'numbers' secondary to that goal
- The format will involve presentations from the LPL Trustees, the LPLCC Foundation and the LPLCC Building committee
- Attendees will have the opportunity to comment/ask questions after each of the presentations and to provide anonymous, written feedback at the close of the session
- The drawings and elevations will be posted at the meeting site
- Future displays are planned for the Northeast Federal Credit Union and the Recycling Center

The committee reviewed the Summary of the revised Back Plan and will review the detail at a future meeting. Discussion focused on the following salient points:

- The LPLCC project update will be proposed as a monthly agenda item for the Select Board meeting
- Budget/Funding sources updates should be a part of each LPLCCBC meeting
- The need to coordinate LPLCCBC activities with all pertinent town commissions and invite representation to the LPLCCBC meetings
- Zachary Smith will review the Back Plan and devise a list of groups and/or people representing industry and/or state agencies that could advise the LPLCCBC on related matters, i.e.: lighting, biomass credits, energy etc..
- Ask Dennis Mires for an update on the application to the NH DOT on the entrance /egress and the potential impact of a delay from the date of conceptual approval to the start of construction.
- Check with Dennis Mires and Milestone as to when we should get back to the process of refining any design features and preparation for construction.

In the interest of coordinating and consolidating all related LPLCC project activities, Tom Dolan will draft a model for 'Team Library' and present at the next LPLCCBC meeting, scheduled for February 20, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

These minutes were prepared by Tom Dolan