



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES

Committee: Library Feasibility Committee
Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2016, 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall, Ground Floor Conference Room

JOINT LIBRARY FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

William Taylor, Chair	Leah Hagen	Alan Rosenfield, Esq.
Linda Arthur, Vice Chair	Kelly McElreath	Steven Rakitin

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Matthew Bachtold, Library Director

Jeffery McElravy, Principal, Tecton
Steve Kirby, Vertex

NOT PRESENT: Kelly McElreath, Fran Gustman, Secretary, Leah Hagen, John Robertson, Jr.,
Chair Library Board of Trustees

Guests: Dr. Taylor, Upton Resident
Kenneth Glowacki, Town Treasurer, Collector
Bob Fleming, Selectman
Camille Hamlet, Member, Library Board of Trustees

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Discussion of feasibility of Maplewood Cemetery and Milford St. sites

Most discussion was related to the Milford Street site.

Since last meeting the following has been done:

- Jeffery from Tecton took Matthew's drawing of a smaller, grant-eligible 2-story library building and superimposed it on the Milford Street property and created a conceptual drawing with 7800 sq. ft. on lower level, 6425 sq. ft. on upper level, and a total of 14,025 sq. ft.
- Matthew and Linda met with Selectmen and got feedback that preservation of parking area and playground is of critical importance in any use of the Milford street site. They were not opposed to the site in concept but were very adamant that it is the last municipal parking available and must be preserved.
- Bill met with DPW and determined that sewer currently ends in front of church and could be extended at an approximate cost of \$200/ft. That cost may actually be less than the cost of a septic installation. Mr. Fleming said that town has an interest in extending sewer to facilitate and encourage growth.

In order to make a decision on the Milford Street property we need the following:

- Consultation with Public Safety departments (Fire and Police Departments,) and Building inspector to determine any concerns and get their suggestions. Matthew will talk to Public Safety.
- Conversation with VFW when we have a more accurate idea what plan would look like to make sure they comfortable with the concept and reassured about the lot remaining available as municipal parking that fills the same needs as it does now. Bill will talk with VFW.

A motion was made that, assuming the above steps are done and satisfactory, we want to pursue a building on this site. Motion passed.

Approving Minutes: A motion was made and passed to defer approving Minutes of July 25 until more members are present.

Audience participation: Dr. Taylor had several questions about building design and IT features of new library. He agreed to table those discussions until plan is further along.

Mr. Kenneth Glowacki had questions about whether this was the only property still under consideration and was told there are still two properties that haven't been turned down. He also had concerns about the size and need for the meeting room in the plans.

Camille Hamlet was concerned that Upton is not engaging in enough public investment and encouraged committee to focus on a building that would make the town proud.

There was considerable conversation about the costs and about the town's willingness to accept an expensive building at this time.

Future meeting date(s). Bill will decide and notify the Committee members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Submitted by: Linda Arthur, Vice Chair

Date: 9/20/2016

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✓Library Trustees