



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Library Feasibility Committee

MINUTES

Committee: Library Feasibility Committee

Meeting Day, Date, Time: Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7:00 PM

Location: Town Hall, Ground Floor Conference Room, G07

JOINT LIBRARY FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

William Taylor, Chair

Leah Hagen

Alan Rosenfield, Esq.

Linda Arthur, Vice Chair

Kelly McElreath

Fran Gustman, Secretary

Steven Rakitin

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

John Robertson, Jr., Chair Library Board of Trustees

Matthew Bachtold, Library Director

OPM

Steve Kirby, Vertex

TECTON ARCHITECTS

James Becker, Associate, Project Architect; Jeffery McElravy, Principal

NOT PRESENT

Leah Hagen, Steve Kirby, James Becker, Jeffery McElravy

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT: Bob Abrogi

1. Call meeting to order / review agenda. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Site Selection: discuss landowner responses to conversations about responding to the RFP.

John, Matthew, and Bill met with the Trustees of Maplewood Cemetery, who declined to offer the site at Pleasant Street and will resubmit the offer for the site across from the train depot.

Matthew and Alan were informed that the VFW was not interested in selling.

Matthew discussed the property across from the library. Mr. Thompson would like to sell the garage and house, about an acre, for \$500,000. Matthew also asked Bill McCormack, the realtor for Mr. Thompson, to learn if the field is for sale.

Bill discussed with Bill McCarthy Upton properties that might be suitable.

Alan said that Rick Binaco, would sell the Core building site. It is small enough to necessitate a two-story library structure.

Kelly said the building permit for the site across from Gasco has expired; Matthew will contact the owner again.

The Amato land in East Upton is another possibility.

Bill Sadler's property on Williams St. is 9 acres but is accessed through the Shining Rock golf course; Steve R. has notified the landowner of the RFP.

Bill and Kelly will talk to Bob Fleming about Togi's, across from Kelly's farm stand, and Kevin Lobisser's property.

3. Bob Abrogi is interested in selling 5 acres off Rt. 140, near Williams St.; it abuts the DPW and runs to the river and the dam. Environmental reports have been completed. We have permission to walk it. FYI, it was once owned by Beatrice Wood.
4. Identify other landowners to contact. See above.
5. Discuss efforts to let landowners in general know about the RFP. Alan thinks we need participation from younger groups in town.
6. Review/update project schedule as needed. No changes.
7. Financial/budget review. Just over \$9,000.00 remains from the MBLC design grant.
8. Board of Library Trustees update. Matthew's appointment as a full member to the Feasibility Committee was rescinded and he was reappointed as an associate member. Bob Abrogi discussed his property at the May 9, 2016, meeting of the Library Trustees.
9. Approve minutes of April 25, 2016. A motion was passed to approve the minutes as amended of April 25, 2016. They will be sent to the Town Clerk for posting.
10. Audience participation. Bob Abrogi attended the meeting.
11. Future meeting date(s). TBA
12. Other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance. None.
13. Adjournment. A motion was passed to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by Fran Gustman, Secretary

Date: June 13, 2016