

Newbury Public Library
Newbury, NH
Conference with architect

Date: June 1, 2020 3:06 pm

Attendees: Trustees: Jeanne Palleiko, Patricia Sherman, Ken Tentarelli, Helen Wright

Library Staff: Lea McBain, Laura Pezone

Lavelle Brensinger Architects: Ron Lamarre, Lisa Pecora

General

Lisa visited the library and took measurements needed.

Ron reported that it would be cost prohibitive to bring the entire building into conformance with current code requirements. In other towns he has worked with code inspectors to reach a viable compromise and he expects to do so in Newbury as well

Patricia sent a signed contract to Milestone Engineering so they can prepare cost estimates.

Ron has not received from Stacy Keach a site plan layout showing the new fire station.

Building specifics

Vestibule

- Enclosing the vestibule will require re-working of the front steps. Patricia suggesting investigating materials other than granite because granite tends to be slippery in winter also the existing steps have an 8-inch rise which is higher than most steps. Other materials, such as Trex, would allow steps to have a shorter rise.
- Doors will be lockable. In practice, they may not be locked routinely as doing so would prevent access to the book drop
- Vestibule will be glass-enclosed which could cause heat buildup in summer. High awning windows can be used to provide ventilation in hot weather.

Small meeting room (tower)

- A sliding door will be used to maximize the useful space

Book return

- Will be kept in existing location
- Since the unit is inside the building, a heat detector will need to be included
- Interior access will be changed from side to rear, and the unit will be lockable.
- Ron reported that units resembling furniture are available

Basement

- Consensus of attendees is that in the interest of controlling costs, the basement will not be expanded.
- Shelving needs to be replaced to provide more storage capacity and because existing shelves are sagging.
- Stairs to basement can be replaced by a circular stairway placed where the existing ramp to the children's room is located and accessed from the library main area via a locked door. Ron showed an example of a 6-foot diameter metal stairway. Jeanne suggested that Lea and Laura visit a building that has such a stairway to determine whether they anticipate any difficulty in its use.
- If a circular stairway is used, the fire department may want a bulkhead access to the basement.

Rest rooms

- Ron believes that code will require three handicap accessible rest rooms. One of them will be located in the existing children's room.

Children's room

- The ramp and door will be positioned to allow straight-in access. Cubbies will be located in the base of the ramp.
- An exit-only door will be provided for emergency egress.
- The existing children's room will be wrapped with high wall cabinets for storage.
- A storage closet will be added to provide space for the wagon and for large art materials.
- The existing children's room has 7-foot 11-inch ceiling height.

Program room

- Consensus of those on the call is to include the expanded program room.
- It is estimated that the program room height will be 10-feet.
- The interior access door to the program room will be relocated so people entering the room will not pass through the quiet seating area.

Exterior

- The gables may be altered from the earlier drawings to make the building symmetrical and to accommodate ceiling height considerations. The adjustments may facilitate an outdoor video screen and stage.

Future Activities

Ron will arrange for conference calls throughout June on Mondays at 1-2:30 pm.

Lisa will revise drawings per changes discussed and send copies to participants in advance of next week's call.

Call ended 4:40 pm