

Newbury Public Library
Newbury, NH
Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2021

Type of Meeting: Preparation for April 21 community meeting

Attendees

Library Staff: Lea McBain

Trustees: Jeanne Palleiko, Patricia Sherman, Betsy Courant, Lynne Tuohy

Member of the Public: Eric Boyer

Attendees via video conference:

Library staff: Laura Pezone

Trustees: Helen Wright

Non-voting Alternate Trustee: Ken Tentarelli

Members of the Public: Chris Drobat, Lisa Pecora

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

After discussion it was decided that the format for the April 21 presentation will be

1. Introduction – Lynne
2. Reason for the expansion - Patricia
 - a. Historic process
 - b. Cost to upgrade ageing systems/materials is expansion is not done
3. What the expansion will provide – Chris
4. Walk through video – Chris
5. Fund raising and finances - Jeanne
6. Q/A session - Lynne to moderate

The following issues were mentioned during the discussion:

- Lea will meet with Chris to help him prepare to for his presentation of items 3 and 4 above.
- The reasons for expansion should include a) that the expansion is part of the Newbury master plan which aims to create a town center to serve the community, b) the existing building was designed to house a collection of 15,000 books. That capacity has been exceeded by narrowing aisle widths and increasing shelf heights which has reduced accessibility of materials, and c) libraries are viewed by parents as safe spaces for children.
- The presentations should cite bullet points (e.g Teen space is non-existent) followed by an audience-focused explanation rather than reading of narratives.
- Milestone engineering should be invited to attend the community meeting to answer questions related to construction. Patricia will inform Frank Lemay of the meeting and invite him to attend.
- Powerpoint slides will be used for the presentation. Lea will create the slides. Lea will screen-share the visuals during the presentation.
- A test should be conducted to determine whether the walk through video can be shown via zoom. If not, still images taken from the video should be used.
- To avoid any possible negative reaction, Jeanne will not mention that approximately \$130,000 in pledges is contingent on passage of the warrant article. She may mention that the Sunapee Library had to return pledges when its warrant article failed.
- A trustees' mention will be scheduled following the community meeting to prepare for the town meeting.
- Patricia will ask the South Newbury Union Church whether it would be willing to include flyers about the library expansion in the bags of its forthcoming take-out dinner.

At 6:15 pm a motion was made (Lynne), seconded (Patricia) to adjourn. Helen, Lynne, Jeanne, Elizabeth, and Patricia voted in favor of the motion by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth Tentarelli