

Meriden Library Building Committee

September 5, 2017

Meriden Town Hall

Draft Minutes

Present: Bill Knight, Jeff Albright, Joe Crate, Judy Hallam, Leeli Bonney, Shannon Decker, Shawn Rogers, Suzanne Spencer, Mary King, director

Absent: Chris Dye, Nancy Liston

The meeting began at 7:05 pm.

The committee discussed the Meriden Study Committee's work and recommendation to raze the current Meriden Library building and build new. Members noted that any work would require asbestos remediation, and an addition to the current building would require a ramp. The town manager said a property survey would be available by the end of October. The committee agreed to go the route of rebuilding, and discussed using a design-build firm that could give an extremely accurate estimate as well as provide details about specific ADA-requirements (how many ADA-bathrooms, etc). Several members of the public present agreed that the village would be best served with a new building.

The committee appointed the following sub-committees:

Building:

Shawn, Bill, Leeli, Jeff

Finance:

Suzanne, Joe

Library Needs:

Judy, Nancy Liston, Shannon

Community Relations:

Judy, Joe, Chris

Mary King and Brad Atwater would serve as advisors to the committee and assist subcommittees.

The committee discussed the need for a chair and will appoint one at the next scheduled meeting on October 24th at 7 pm.

Adjournment at 8:18

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October 24, 2017

Meriden Town Hall

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Joe Crate, Judy Hallam, Shawn Rogers, Jeff Albright, Suzanne Spencer (had to leave early), Chris Dye; Mary King, Director

Absent: Bill Knight, Leeli Bonney, Shannon Decker, Nancy Liston

The meeting began at 7pm. Upon motions duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, Chris Dye was elected chair of the Meriden Library Building Committee, and Mary King was authorized to make an application for funding for the new library from the James Tasker Covered Bridges Fund.

The committee discussed at length the type of library we want and its planning, financing, and eventual approval by the town. It was agreed that the new library would be as close to zero energy use as reasonably possible, be fully handicapped accessible, and have in addition to book stacks and a reading area, a community room, a small kitchenette, a bathroom, a small office for the library director, and a room for small children.

The Building Subcommittee and the Library Needs Subcommittee were directed to prepare a presentation for delivery at the town meeting in March 2018 asking for preliminary funding to design and plan for the construction of the new library, so that the request for funding for final construction may be presented at the town meeting in March 2019. This presentation is to be given to the Library Building Committee no later than January 15, 2018. Mary King and Brad Atwater have agreed to act as advisors to the above two subcommittees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Dye
(For Suzanne Spencer)