

Pierson Library Building Steering Committee  
DRAFT Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Monday, November 7th at 8:30 am

Meeting Location: Town Hall Meeting Room #2

Attendees: Lara Keenan, Alice Winn, Joe Colangelo, Cathy Townsend, Colleen Parker, AJ Humphrey

Also Attending: Andrea Murray, Asher Nelson, Nick Wood, Gail Albert, Ruth Hagerman, Erin Miller Heins and Dean Pierce

Minutes (Draft):

1. Lara called the meeting to order at 8:36.
2. Approve the addition of VIA presentation to the agenda - Joe moved that the change and the new agenda be approved, Cathy seconded, motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve minutes from 11/18 meeting - Joe moved, Cathy seconded, motion passed unanimously.
4. No minutes to approve from 11/20/16 meeting, as there wasn't a quorum.
5. Public comments- no public comments.
6. Presentation from VIA - Andrea, Asher and Nick - Narrowed down to 2 sites/floor plans instead of three of each. They also made some revisions to the floor plans based on public comments. They tried very hard to please everyone. The following public comments were the most common: flexibility, modern building, lots of natural light, space for teens, consideration of cost and separate space for teens.

We need to continue our public outreach and narrow down to one final location/plan, so that they can focus on detailed development of the final plan. The development would also include a scope narrative - a document that describes the contents of the building that may not be visible. Both sites have pros and cons.

A: The Bridge

The Route 7 location is somewhat constrained. Goal would be to strengthen street face. What is already there defines the size of a future building. VIA would create a building that serves as a beacon to welcome people in. The building would be slightly raised, as the Town Offices, SCHIP's and Town Hall already are. It would include a street entrance, a parking lot entrance and an outdoor terrace. Architectural techniques could be used to soften the outside corners. The building would have no back. First level would be the more active, noisy area - kids, business center etc., with small, undefined areas to sit and read etc.. Would be easy to monitor who comes in and out. Would appear to have a flat roof, but the roof would be slightly sloped for proper drainage. Roof could potentially be "green" or include solar panels. A basement would have to be included. The square footage would not be much larger than what we have now, but it would be better organized. It would require 2 sets of stairs and one elevator in the library building, as well as a 1 set of stairs and an elevator at Town Hall.

## C: The Scoop

Goal was to not overpower the Town Hall. The Town Hall would still maintain as it's own building. Axis was maintained, then turned to relate rest of the building to an angle similar to the other angles that already exist in our town - Falls Rd and the railroad tracks. The angle provides more natural light, as does the location in general. The community living room is facing Rt 7, at an angle, and also faces the old library building. Intention was to create an inviting glow. Louder functions are on the lower level. There are two entrances. This building has more square footage than The Bridge, and better meets the needs we identified.

This plan allows for the possibility of future development. It includes a Youth Program room that would have water, cabinets etc, so it could be used for art projects. It could even be rented out for parties.

It would require 2 sets of stairs and one elevator. This design is more flexible. There are different ways to use the space - more breathing room.

7. We need to make a decision by late next week. Create a poll to ask folks to participate in at Election Day. Include a list of pros and cons for both locations (A/B and C).

8. Joe made a motion to present The Scoop to the Trustees, the Selectboard etc as the Steering Committee's preferred alternative. Colleen seconded, motion was passed unanimously.

10:45 Cathy made a motion to adjourn, Alice seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:45