

1/4/17
Pierson Library Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes (Draft)

In Attendance: Lara Keenan, Alice Winn, Lara Keenan, Ann Smallwood, Cathy Townsend
On Phone: Meagan Downey

Lara called the meeting to order at 10:03

Asked for a motion to approve agenda, after removing #3 (no quorum at Trustees meeting)

Joe moved to approve agenda with the addition of an amendment- to be called 5A for a possible decision item to return to Selectboard next week with a recommendation for next steps based on the advice received yesterday from selectboard and library trustees.

Ann seconds the amended agenda and motion passed unanimously

Joe moved to approve 12/23/16 meeting minutes

Ann seconds and motion passed unanimously

Joe moved to approve minutes from 1/3/17 meeting

Ann seconded with the addition that we attach the memo and the main spreadsheet that we provided to the Selectboard as well as John's lack of comment

Motion passed unanimously

Discussion-

What to do moving forward?

Selectboard reaction - Majority expressed support, gave us a lot of ways to move forward/ideas, didn't tell us to stop. At Rotary meeting this morning, concerns were raised about losing project momentum.

Gary has suggested a public education process.

Important to keep the Selectboard in the loop. Steering committee needs to consider timing and a number of meetings with the board. Timing is off - presentation last night appeared as a last minute idea even though it's not.

We didn't push hard to provide all information to the board. Wanted to maintain focus on design and need and avoid focus on just the money. Lots of community buy in with the design.

Community feedback is strong. We have accomplished a lot. Discussion whether we should do another design charrette?

Would the Selectboard ever consider an advisory? Poll at town meeting?

Discussion to put some money into developing a scientific survey.

Discussion of need to shift our focus - make a case for funding to the town people - needs to be a public bond.

Ask VIA or others to help us create a professional poll. Who to use? AJ will reach out to Chris Danforth/CCRPC to ask advice. AJ will also reach out to Barbara D-W.

AJ will ask Andrea Murray how much would it cost to develop the budget worksheet into something to educate the public as to costs.

Price estimates are very conservative (in other words, high). We could probably get it down. Lesser quality materials, no green roof etc.

We need to make it clear that you can't get real refinement on numbers until contractors are involved.

Some trustees wanted phase 1 phase 2, lower price tag, bonds - everyone had different ideas, as did the Selectboard

VIA - We have faith in Henry's numbers. VIA seems to understand our needs

Every year we delay, costs will go up. Special vote in the summer? If the community is in support, dragging our feet is a bad idea. Don't want to lose momentum

AJ will ask Barbara, VIA and or Waterbury folks for help locating funding sources - and ask what the fee would be for help with this.

Cathy will be leaving the committee. Discussion regarding a Trustee to serve on the committee. Consider adding people to the Steering Committee

Joe made a motion that at the Jan 10th Selectboard meeting we share with the board that we'd like to offer a professional survey at town meeting, based on their suggestion. Alice seconds, motion passed.

Joe will put us on the Selectboard agenda for the 10th

Next meeting - Hold off on scheduling until we have identified a professional survey writer who could attend, along with Andrea and Barbara

Joe suggested we contact the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Motion to adjourn

Joe made a motion

Alice seconded

Meeting Adjourned 11:10