

Library Charrette Comments at Shelburne Vineyards
September 20, 2016

General Comments *Underlined items indicate enthusiasm and/or comment made multiple times*

- Great to meet the architects before the building is finished
- Desire for café/bar
- Conference/program room – desire for room-darkening ability & nice AV, acoustics
- Desire for Lots of glass/lots of daylight
- Accessibility for all is important
- Green roof/efficient storm water system – important to consider
- Flexibility (interior) in space design is desirable
- Preference for Youth area on first floor
- All designs are too small- can there be a 3rd floor?
- Route 7 noise is a concern
- Town Hall – lots of comments – people want it restored and used.
- Balance teen privacy with oversight
- Evaluate linear shelving needed
- Liked terrace idea but how can we make it usable, where should it be placed
- Liked three-season terrace idea
- Concept B is too small
- Extra added pocket park(s):
 - Emphasis on landscaping
 - De-emphasize parking (hide)
 - Path system throughout complex
- Straighten access for fire station
- Are design options limited depending on location?
- Many people like contemporary design ideas
- Need to improve acoustics in town hall
- Need to create opportunities for intergenerational interaction
- Include a kitchen in the design
- Emphasize need for multi-purpose room
- Many people expressed a preference for Concept C
- We are challenged by library location options; library will be peripheral no matter which location because of firehouse and all the parking
- Desire to provide covered drop-off for winter access, especially seniors
- Provide covered bike parking
- Concern that A and B together with other buildings create a campus of parking
- The building and the site it sits on need to be dependent on one another

Concept A

- Needs more meeting rooms/dividable rooms/moveable walls
- Need to plan technology for kids
- Lots of likes for prominence and visibility of Concept A acting as a ‘Beacon’ on Shelburne Rd
- Love fireplace and its location in relation to reading room
- Need more tables/individual work spaces
- Balance affordability with building features
- Wasted space at entry
- Need to expand sidewalk width from municipal complex to intersection (Falls Road)
- Need to pull sidewalk away from travel lanes into site
- Like open/casual floor plan of concept A versus concept B
- Like location next to ball fields/away from fire house
- Possibly more setback from Rte 7/reduce parking?
- Schips – What is the future of this building?
- 3-season terrace desired
- First floor does not have enough book space
- Outside access door needed for program room (so it can be accessed while library is closed)
- Will need solid, insulating glass to cut down on noise from Route 7
- Having building on Shelburne Road could be visually interesting for the town.

Concept B

- Too busy
- Too small
- Too cramped
- However, it is more inviting to reduce the building’s “face” on Route 7.
- Better “fit” with other buildings, size-wise and facing-wise to Route 7
- Too formal (exterior and interior)
- The driveway creates a path leading to nothing but a parking lot
- Possibly setting it back further from Route 7 would be better?

Concept C

- This concept seems to do a better job of “protecting” Town Hall
- Love terrace outside
- Outdoor fire pit (would be cool)
- What do you do about library during construction?
- When/where would we allow drinking?

- Use Town Hall/library for events (ex: weddings). The Town Hall could act as “bonus space.”
- Many attendees expressed a preference for C
- Too big? Or just the right size?
- Conference/Program room needs darkening ability & good sound system (for movies, etc.)
- Like the extra 2,000 sq. ft.
- This location would allow for more green space around it