

**DRAFT Vineyard Haven Public Library Building Design and Construction Committee  
Meeting Minutes for Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Held at the Vineyard Haven Public Library**

Committee Members Present: Ian Aitchison, Andrew Flake (Vice-Chair), Hal Garneau, Paul Munafo (Chair), Jim Norton, Sandy Pratt (Ex-Officio), Amy Ryan (Ex-Officio). Committee Member absent: Johanna Kobran, Ben Robinson.

Also attending: Maryann Thompson and Doug Jack from Maryann Thompson, Architects (MTA), Arborist Robert Hagerty

Members of the public in attendance: Joan Goldberg (abutter), and her architect Bruce MacNelly

Meeting came to order at 10:35 a.m. and proceeded outside to review proposed building addition footprint staked out prior to meeting by MTA's Civil Engineer, Sourati Engineering Group. RHagerty noted which trees could not be moved cost effectively. Two of the four Japanese Snowbell could be preserved. JGoldberg expressed concern about proximity of addition to existing fence, which is located a few feet from the property line on library property, and suggested using the existing fence rather than property line to calculate setback. AFlake pointed out that shifting the project just a few feet would not make a visual impact or save trees.

Participants proceeded to JGoldberg's property next door to the library at 188 Main Street, in order to view property line from that perspective. MThompson proposed fast growing green giant arborvitae could be planted to shield view of addition from JGoldberg's property. Following discussion committee agreed to include border such plantings in project budget, and to keep fence in current location rather than move to property line. Also noted intention to bury/shield the propane tank and condensers. JGoldberg intends to extend the existing fence when her own renovation plans are more final. JGoldberg, BMcNalley, RHagerty and MThompson remained on Goldberg property while the committee returned to the library to resume other business.

Minutes for June 24th, 2019 and June 27th, 2019 were approved.

JGoldberg and MThompson rejoined the meeting. JGoldberg expressed support for project and thanked Committee for concessions to be made for plantings and fencing, then departed.

Committee reviewed design advances since last meeting. Proposed interior design has wood walls, flooring and ceiling, and would need maximize acoustic material in ceiling and wall between meeting room and reading room and wood flooring would need acoustic backing. MTA will discuss acoustics with consultant. Following discussion there was consensus that project dimensions should be based on formula of 10 square feet per attendee and 100 square feet for presenter, with seating for up to 100. Design options that moved the addition further from south property line were rejected because would not allow for ADA compliant access from children's room, unless garden space were made smaller. Size of storage space needs to be generous to accommodate 6 rectangular flip tables and sufficient chairs which can't be stacked too high. MThompson proposed HOWE 40/4 chair, but some committee members though these appeared uncomfortable. 4 Barn doors would maximize access to storage area. Serving/desk shelf at rear of room should be deep enough to accommodate laptop computers. Discussion on the proposed ravine design concluded that a simpler less expensive design might be pursued.

IAitchison noted that a cost estimate is overdue and design decisions can't be made final without knowing costs. DJack noted estimate revision is expected within a week.

SPratt reported on parking inventory. 89 street parking spaces were mapped out, and available parking spaces were observed during a well-attended evening event on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Library staff will be surveying program attendees about parking. Committee will send a letter to 300" abutters responding to concerns brought up during the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. A community drop in session will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and display design renderings. MTA will produce new renderings for brochure to include existing bump-out.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Ryan

Approved xxxx \_\_\_\_\_