

Vineyard Haven Public Library Building Design and Construction Committee
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, July 9th, 2019
Held at the Vineyard Haven Public Library

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

Committee Members Absent: None (Andrew Flake arrived at 8:45 to meeting in progress; Ben Robinson departed meeting at 9 am.)

Attending via teleconference: Doug Jack from Maryann Thompson, Architects (MTA)

Guest in attendance: Joan Goldberg, property owner from 188 Main Street next to library property

In absence of Chair and Vice Chair, Paul Munafo called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Approval of minutes of prior meetings deferred.

Committee discussed appropriate followup to "Neighbor" meeting on June 27th.

ARyan suggested providing written response outlining steps committee is undertaking:

- Formally eliminating plan to make the event space a self-contained area with restrooms and entry vestibule/path facing Main Street, to limit future overuse for non-library events, and to not increase foot traffic near property lines
- Provide more details on program attendance and number of programs
- Trustees will seek community input when drafting new meeting room policy
- Meetings with Tisbury Police Department confirming they will increase patrols and enforcement of parking violations during events

MTA had investigated hiring traffic consultant which did not seem appropriate for scale of project. MTA also consulted retired traffic engineer Michael Kobran (spouse of Committee member) who made recommendations for studying parking with volunteers, as outside of scope of work for MTA. Recommendations would be forwarded to Library Director. Library is conducting ongoing surveys on parking with program attendees.

Joan Goldberg, owner of residential property abutting library grounds, was introduced and recognized to comment: As a direct abutter is most adversely affected by library program; street parking in front of her house often in use; concern for maintaining trees and shrubs near property line; fence between property is 2.5 feet from property line on library side, so extending building to setback puts it within 8 feet of existing fence.

Discussion followed on dimensions of room and how layout and location of storage space and reading room extension could be adjusted. It was noted that shifting towards existing building would bring but create circulation problem from children's room. Other changes could impact garden space. Larger discussion needed on whether size could be reduced to fewer than 100.

For next meeting MTA will also propose how dimensions of space might be shifted to preserve more of the existing plantings.

Committee agreed to have engineer stake out the footprint prior to next meeting to see impact on plantings near property line; arborist to be consulted.

Discussion moved to location of HVAC components for the addition. This has not been determined but an outdoor condenser would be needed for air conditioning that could be located among existing condenser

clusters. Sound blanketing and fencing may be added. The project cost estimate includes relocating existing propane tank.

Discussion on other aspects of southern edge of design. Confirmed that entry path and vestibule were no longer part of the program to reduce use of that area. Room design with storage on south side with no windows or path lighting to eliminate light intrusion for neighboring property.

JGoldberg asked if wifi could be turned off when library was not open to discourage use of library grounds. PMunafa asked if wifi use could be limited to authenticated library cardholders. ARyan pointed out that wifi could not be limited to cardholders per state guidelines, and that other community members indicated a preference for being able to access wifi on the grounds at times library was closed.

Motion sensor lights could be included to discourage undesirable use and Tisbury Police Department planned to increase patrols.

MTA presented renderings of interior showing two options for wood paneling. While committee members liked the look of western red cedar, it was agreed that lighter white oak would be better for program.

JGoldberg inquired about height of addition and DJack confirmed it would match height of existing building.

Garden designs were reviewed. Consensus was for design with larger brick area for public gatherings. Some existing brick might be reused. Some of the existing trees in current brick patio area will be retained. Next renderings will include oval Shakespeare Garden emulating what was lost in the last renovation, but to include lower maintenance plantings.

Discussion followed on recent cost estimate which is being revised based on review by committee members. Basement will be added to estimate as part of base project rather than an add-on.

Meeting times were proposed for Tuesday, July 16th at 1 p.m., or Friday July 19th at 10 a.m., to include review of property line plantings with input from an arborist (Haggerty Tree proposed for this).

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Ryan

Approved XX/XX/2019 _____