

Weston Public Library  
Special Meeting Buildings and Grounds Committee  
Wednesday, December 30, 2020  
3:00 pm via Zoom

Draft Minutes

Attendance: Thomas Burke, Anne Hunt, Amy Jansen, Sharon Murphy, Amy Sanborn, Karen Tatarka

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM

**1. Discussion of Peter Gisolfi Associates proposal**

Member Sanborn reviewed the current situation regarding the possibility of considering a potential addition to the Library that would address the loss of crafting space and a larger maker space that would have been provided as part of the Offutt Center Project. Director Tatarka has reached out to Peter Gisolfi architect, Michael Tribe, with whom the WPL worked on the renovation. He is willing to work on a couple of alternatives which the Committee and Board would discuss. He would then connect with a professional cost estimator to understand what the costs might be. Flexible use of the space would be a critical component of the design. The related increase in any operating costs would also be factored in.

The Committee discussed whether such a proposal might have to be part of an RFP and bid should any State Library Grant money be available.

The sense of the meeting was to explore what the State Grant requirements might entail with respect to bidding. Further, the Committee discussed how such a project would fit within the Strategic Planning process which has been on hold during exploration of the Offutt project. Last, the Committee discussed and agreed that the protocol should be to include the Building Committee, and pursue obtaining all required Town approvals (HDC, and P&Z), and confer with the WWHD to ascertain if such an addition, with no bathrooms being added, would have any impact on the septic requirements. Member Sanborn had spoken with the BC Chair, Mr. Wolf. He was preliminarily supportive of the concept. The recommendation of the Committee to the Board would be to adopt this path, and once all the approvals are in place, the Board would explore fund raising opportunities.

**2. Adjournment:**

Member Burke made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Second by Member Jansen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Sanborn  
Secretary