

Weston Public Library

Buildings and Grounds Committee
Special Meeting, March 26, 2021
via Zoom

Karen Tatarka, Amy Sanborn, Anne Hunt, Amy Jansen and Sharon Murphy

Guest: Margaret Wirtenberg

Proposal of mountain laurel by Beautification Committee

Deb at Weston Gardens said mountain laurel grows in the shade and this proposed area might be too sunny. She said she has a Japanese Maple which she would consider donating in memory of Amy's father. Also there is something in mountain laurel that may be hazardous to children.

Rhododendrons are also hazardous.

Sense of the meeting was that the committee would rather have a plan for the whole front area of the Library from the Community room across to the Children's Room, something with more color. Don't want it to be just green. The area where the Japanese maple and spruce were removed was included in the discussion. The Committee also discussed how any new plantings would be watered.

Roof replacement bids

Amy attended Building Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 24. 9 bids were received. Bids ranged from \$600,000+ to \$324,850. J. Antonelli was low bidder. This is the company that replaced the roof on the original part of the Library around 10 years ago. The Building Committee has been pleased with Antonelli's past work. Lag time of 8 weeks for delivery of the shingles. Prices are going to be going up so they are trying to work quickly. They have enough money to buy the shingles before the Referendum. Jonathan said they have approval to buy the shingles. 70-90 day work schedule.

HVAC balancing

Also, discussed at Building Committee meeting. They have 2 members who would review the plans to see what the problem is in the stack area and small conference room. They found that the dampers were in open position. That will be addressed by Tri-City. We have the drawings so know what it should be. No fresh air flowing in the conference rooms. Stack area is run off mechanical system in the basement. Will have Tri-City take a look. Considering a heater in the conference room. Noise is also an issue.

Karen and Jonathan will meet this AM with Jack Davidoff, Joe Stromwell, and John Hemenway from TriCity. Ventilation fans in the bathrooms were addressed earlier this year. They can see what is happening with one but not the other. Also, there is no insulation above the stack area.

Amy said that there used to be a materials line for repairs in the library budget. It has been removed and put in the Town budget. She asked Jonathan if there was any money left in their budget for this. No, because it was used on the Town Hall renovation. Nothing can be done until July 1 when new budget takes effect.

Karen and Jonathan are working on a preliminary schedule for routine building maintenance.

Amy Sanborn moved to adjourn, Sharon Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunt