

WESTON BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019, 7:30 PM
TOWN HALL COMMISSION ROOM

- 1) Call to order: Chairman Allen Swerdlowe called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Also present were Committee members Richard Wolf, Bill Proceller, Jack Rogers and David Coprio.

- 2) Proposed library project: Allen started the meeting by describing to all attendees the Committee's responsibilities and involvement with town projects and its Town Charter. He then went on to describe how the Committee stepped in to take on the knee wall repair project of the Intermediate School and how well the project went. Allen emphasized the Committee's desire to not scare library donor away but still encourage the right project to be built.

Allen offered his opinions on the plans and rendering that were shared prior to the meeting, commenting on the functionality, mass and "poetry" of the design and adding that if the Committee had the opportunity to meet with the architect it would have gone better.

Other committee members were asked for their opinions most of which centered on the mass of the new structure and its integration with the existing library both physically and aesthetically. There was discussion about the need for the second floor for just mechanicals and storage and whether a basement could be dug to house the mechanicals as well as questions about whether enough parking exists to support the new addition.

There was discussion around the design of the Joint Library Committee comprised of the Library Board, BOF and Building Committee, noting that Jack Richards and Richard Wolf had been chose to sit on the joint committee. Allen offered his opinion that it would not be in the best interest of the Building Committee to have members on sit on this committee and that all member

should be able to participate. Allen was also concerned with role of First Selectman as a “non-voting” chairman of the joint committee.

Library Director Karen Tatarka offered that if there are any concerns with the joint committee design that it should be taken up with the Joint Committee Vice-chairwoman Amy Sanborn and that she would not bring the Building Committee’s concerns back to Chris Spaulding or Amy in her role as head-Librarian.

Allen reiterated his position that he is an advocate of the project and not an adversary. It was agreed that was in everyone’s best interest to have a meeting with the architect to express concerns allow the architect to explain his/her design decisions given that he/she wasn’t in attendance. It was also agreed that the Library Board and Building Committee should meet jointly to discuss how to move forward.

On the subject of the Police and EMS, Allen asked if the committee had the opportunity to review the Jakunski proposal to oversee the renovation project. All were in favor of approving the proposal except for the \$5,000 line item for a consultant to prepare a hardware schedule.

On the subject of the High School Roof, a few of the members attended the School Board’s Facility recent sub-committee meeting where the condition of existing roof leaks was discussed. The committee agreed that it made good sense to review conditions with Jakunski and/or Silktown to see if they agree with school maintenance personnel observations and come up with more specific details for repairs.

- 3) Approval of prior meeting minutes: No action taken.
- 4) Adjournment: Mr. Proceller moved and Mr. Coprio seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 9:21 pm.