

Special Trustee Meeting
Meredith Public Library
12/5/17

Members Present: Ann Butler, Paul Eldridge, Duncan McNeish, Bonnie Ireland, Betty Strader, Pam Coburn, Jim McFarlin

Others Present: Erin Apostolos (director), Chris Leland (assistant director), Matthew Gunby (head of circulation)

Meeting called to order at: 1:00 PM

- Architect appointed for cost estimate.
- Committee not an elected board, approved by trustees and Select Board members.
- Presentations of the architects were uneven
- Vision that could be sold to town was sought by Feasibility Advisory Committee
- Belief on part of Feasibility Advisory Committee that trustees were behind Samyn-D'Elia plan after the Feasibility Advisory Committee voted to go with Samyn-D'Elia.
- Endorse recommendation of Feasibility Advisory Committee by Select Board on Monday night.
- Parking lot acquisition warrant article will come from town.
- Library needs to create warrant article for design phase of renovations.
- Whether there is value in having Biron Biddard work in creating next version of warrant article.
- Ultimately trustees decision the project that goes forward.
- Guaranteed contract from architect and contractors.
- Samyn-D'Elia should be kept in the loop. The trustees have in no way abandoned Samyn-D'Elia's design. They need to be made aware of this.
- Ask Terry Knowles about unsealing minutes to see if it is appropriate to show Select Board content of non-public session. Ann will attempt to contact Terry Knowles.
- Press Release: Based upon findings and recommendations from Feasibility Advisory Committee the trustees believe they can stay in current location if the Price property can be acquired for additional parking. Will expand, renovate and upgrade current facility contingent on property purchase. Jim McFarlin and Betty Strader will work on actual wording of press release.
- Paul Eldridge makes motion to have Ron Lamarre complete conceptual design with a guaranteed maximum cost for the remainder of his contract. Duncan McNeish seconds motion. Motion carries unanimously.
- Motion to pursue all three architects, Lavallee Brensinger, Samyn-D'Elia Architects, Chris William Architects, to complete conceptual design with a guaranteed maximum cost by February made Paul Eldridge. Seconded by Duncan McNeish. Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.



Ann Butler

Duncan McNeish



Betty Strader



Pam Coburn



Paul Eldridge

Bonnie Ireland



Jim McFarlin