

Building & Grounds Committee
January 20, 2015

This committee has reformed since the last meeting on February 21, 2013.

Attendance:

Thomas Murray, Jane Southworth, Jerry Goldberg, Pam Becker, Lindsay Bellville, Therese Marcy.

Pam Becker is the new Chairperson on the committee. The meeting was called to order and the agenda presented. Minutes of the last meeting and review of past meetings were presented.

Lindsay is not sure if she is on the committee but she requested to be allowed to present her vision and proposed plan for the CR. She was welcomed to be a member of the committee and the plan was well received. It was thought that the CR is self contained and the moved could be done as long as there was no impact on future renovations. Lindsay did not see the proposed changes as anything that was permanent or would interfere with structural changes.

Pam looked for public comment but saw none. It was mentioned that Elizabeth Tannenbaum, past trustee and member of this committee would like to participate as t citizen. She will be welcomed and notified of future meetings.

Christine de Vallet, will also be given the minutes and requested to continue as a member of the committee.

Pam briefly reviewed past minutes and notes from past plans and committee investigations and the 1998 expansion plan.

Progress has been made on decluttering but things have accumulated again in the 2 year hiatus of the committee. During this time, work has continued on downsizing the collection from the genealogy room and scanning some documents for online access. Microfilm and cabinets have been removed from the glass room on the first floor and the microfilm reader is ready to be junked or recycled. These two spaces are prime candidate for small study or meeting areas but still have some decisions to be made regarding what to do with the photocopier, microfilm computer fax and the remainder of the genealogy collection.

The art room has been organized for better access to the collection. Tom stated that the arts committee needs time to assess what will be needed next.

This committee previously decided to table the possibility of having the potential to divide the meeting room space for specific situations. Jane motioned to put that option back on the table. The discussion continued to the consensus that we needed a consultant/architect and all options would be open for discussion.

Discussion continued as to where to look for someone or people with experience in building, structures, the nature and functionality of libraries, available materials with an eye on the **library service priorities**.

- **We would like to create a timeline for the use of small spaces.**
- **We need a floor plan the adult area of the library to visualize space and proposed use of space (Therese volunteered to work on this)**
- **Suggestion was made to ask Judy for information on the Keene Library architect**
- **We would like to come up with a 3 year plan**

It was agreed to ask Jim Williams, a former trustee and local architect to come to our next meeting to offer some advice, vision or direction. Jerry G. will contact him to invite him to the next meeting proposed for **Tuesday, 1/27/2015 at 4pm** in the BML meeting room. If Jim cannot come at that time, we will ask him for potential times and reschedule the meeting.

Submitted by: Therese Marcy 1/20/2015