

WEST TISBURY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
September 6, 2003

Attending: Trustees: Leslie Baker, Linda Hearn, Hermine Hull, Marilyn Hollinshead, Ernie Mendenhall, Hallie Mentzel

Library Staff: Mary Jo Joiner, Martha Hubbell

Building Committee: Shelton Bank, Linda Hearn, Mary Jo Joiner, T. J. Hegarty, Hermine Hull, Ernie Mendenhall

This month's meeting was a combined meeting of the Trustees and the Building Committee.

Hermine Hull, Chairman of the Trustees, called the meeting to order and then turned it over to Ernie Mendenhall, Chairman of the Building Committee.

FEASIBILITY STUDY: A thank you note has been written to Gale Associates thanking them for all the time and effort they put into the Feasibility Study. The \$5m total price seems exorbitant. A committee will be set up to raise funds. *If* we can't raise at least one half, we probably should not plan to go ahead. Possibly none of the final plans in the Feasibility Study will be the final plan for the addition. Three copies of the compilation of plans were given to us. Mary Jo proposed that she and Ernie present the plans to the selectmen informing them of the plans to raise partial funding for the addition. Shelton asked for the opinion of library trustees who are not members of the Building Committee

- Hallie - Go forward with fund raising with the idea of raising at least half of what we need for the final goal. What should we present at the next Town Meeting? Should we go to the Town in April to say the Feasibility Study is completed and we have started to raise money?
- Marilyn - Will the community support even half of the cost as presented? Would whole new building in different place be less expensive?
- **Hermine - Concerned about limitations of site.**
- T.J.; - A lot of thought went into the front of current building. Plans as presented are ambitious. Will Town accept funds raised and appropriate the remainder of the money? The current library is comfortable and a second home to many families.
- Hallie - We have to let the community know what we need.
- Mary Jo - We can do one of three things: Just sit on it; Go ahead with fund raising; ask for an appropriation for a new feasibility study for a smaller building.
- Hallie - We need to set up an account for fund raising and hopefully do some fund raising before the end of the year.
- Shelton - Do we want to present a plan to town that will be dead in the water. We need to find a figure that will be workable to the town or else any addition will be delayed for a long time.
- Leslie - We need to present a solid united front to the town, have a positive attitude about fund raising and know the figures.
- Ernie - Costs will increase 5% a year.
- T.J. - Hope that the County Engineer may be able to help oversee the project and thus eliminate the cost (or some of the cost) of a Clerk of the Works.

A motion was made by T. J. Hcgarty that Ernie and Mary Jo present the results of the Feasibility Study to the selectmen at their earliest convenience; and that the Building Committee will give a progress report at the Town Meeting in April. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The letter to Gale Associates, slightly amended, was also approved.

Building Committee part of the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The

Trustees Meeting was called to order by Hermine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Made a motion to accept the September minutes and it was seconded and unanimously approved by the Trustees.

FRIENDS OF WEST TISBURY LIBRARY:

Hallie said the 'Friends' would be setting up a fund raising account. It is extremely important to have a separate account so the funds raised for the addition will be accounted for separately. The Trustees will work in conjunction with the 'Friends' on fimd raising.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter was sent to Mr. Linscott, who had complained about fees charged to out of state library users, but it was returned address unknown.

Volunteer Tea: The Volunteer Tea will be held at Music Street on November 16 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Trustees will bring refreshments.

Halloween: The Halloween party will be Friday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS: Evaluation forms have not come from the Personnel Board. On November 15, there will be a seminar on fund raising. Mary Jo signed up for three people to attend. She and Hermine are planning to attend and Linda said she might be interested also.

The next Trustees meeting is November 13,2003.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, /

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