

ILSLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ilsley Community Room
MONDAY, September 28, 2015
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: John Freidin (chair), Maria Graham, Christina Johnston, Dennis O'Brien, Kathleen Ramsay, and Kevin Unrath.

Meeting called to order at 4:36.

Minutes of January 26 meeting approved as submitted.

Discussion of the resignation of committee member Peter DeGraff has resigned from the committee. The committee discussed a replacement to submit to the select board. Names mentioned included those with a background in fundraising as well as in architecture. Members of the committee will make suggestions to Mr. Freidin who will then follow up with the individuals to see if there's an interest. A recommendation will then be made to the Selectboard.

Review and discuss Ilsley Trustees' draft Strategic Plan. Mr. Unrath presented a short PowerPoint highlighting the draft plan along with a list of building deficiencies culled from the plan.

It was suggested the list could be divided into existing infrastructure issues and programmatic/lack-of-space issues. Some of the existing infrastructure issues could be handled piecemeal.

The committee inquired how many parking spaces are needed for a building this size, and Ms. Ramsay will ask the town planner for a number.

It was then suggested that staff should give input on items falling under programmatic needs so that the building committee and potentially an

architect could know more specifically what is called for. Mr. Unrath will work with staff to expand upon the descriptions.

The committee suggested taking this document and applying it to current space available as well as looking at solutions at other libraries that have created such space. The pros and cons of checking with staff versus hiring a building professional were discussed, and the committee agreed that it would be good to look at what needs will be 20 years from now. Ms. Graham will ask Bryan Alexander, a local futurist, to discuss the library of the future at the next building committee meeting.

The committee also discussed how to coordinate architectural planning and funding, and Mr. Freidin will approach Barbara Doyle-Wilch about consulting on how best to move forward. Finally, the committee strongly suggested the board set up a foundation to build the fundraising capacity of Ilsley for future building plans as well as a reserve of funds for when needed. Mr. Unrath will be talking with the Vermont Community Foundation in order to get started with this.

Meeting dates set for October 26th and November 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Unrath