

45 would be making the decisions going forward and would it be the Selectboard. Huston said
46 going forward in the design phase, some aspects are going to need to be made in a timely
47 manner, so waiting until the next Selectboard meeting would hold things up. He said they
48 will be looking at items that they know the Selectboard needs to hear about and approve,
49 such as the geothermal well locations, and they're almost at that point they can present it
50 to the Board. Brown said the Selectboard are mostly going to be concerned about the
51 impact on the EDI site, parking, traffic flow and Town infrastructure, but nothing with the
52 building unless it impacts the final cost.

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Review of Main Street Sketches

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56 McVeigh said the changes made to the design so far have been minor in nature and
57 pertained mostly to swapping interior spaces, but a recent conversation with Town Planner
58 Jen Murray has led to some design changes.

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60 Minadeo distributed sketches of the new design for the front of the building based on the
61 recent discussion with Murray and her desire for the main stairs to remain to provide a
62 place for people to gather. He went over the changes to the design of the entrance, and the
63 redesign of the original front stairway that will be rebuilt to provide seating incorporated
64 into the stairs. He described the design and materials to be used, and the proposed
65 changes to the design around the new Main Street entrance to the library, and the Project
66 Team asked questions and made comments regarding the changes. There was a concern
67 that by removing the stairs to the new entrance, people wouldn't stick to the pathway, but
68 would take a shortcut across the grassy area. Huston said the driver of this revision to
69 remove the stairs from the design is so everyone, regardless of their mobility difficulties, all
70 use the same pathway to the entrance, following the principles of "Universal Design" vs.
71 providing for separate handicapped access. Minadeo said this is the trend now, and he
72 said he could add an L-shaped bench in that area to discourage people from walking
73 across the lawn. Perine suggested that there be a garden in the area shown as lawn, to
74 discourage people from walking on it.

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76 The trees in front of the library were discussed, and Minadeo said unfortunately the existing
77 trees will not survive. McVeigh said there were members of the community that will be
78 distressed with this, and Hart said people have already expressed concern about the trees
79 in front surviving, but she said there has to be a choice between providing handicap access
80 on Main Street or saving the trees, and there is no guarantee the tree will survive anyway.
81 There was agreement that this was going to be a talking point. Harris said there is a
82 possibility that wood from the trees to be removed can be repurposed in some way in the
83 library.

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85 Gish was concerned about the future maintenance of keeping the wood-clad benches
86 stained every few years. Minadeo said they will be stained with a clear marine finish that is
87 durable, but that will need to be re-applied every few years.

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89 Hart said she absolutely loves the new design for the front steps, and thinks it meets what
90 Jen Murray wanted as a gathering space. *Note: The landing outside the historic 1924 entry*
91 *door will need to be enclosed with a glass railing to make it obvious the door is no longer an*
92 *active entrance.*

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94 McVeigh said from Harris’s Clerk-of-the works report, it sounded like they would be using a
95 combination of mass timber and steel in the construction, due to cost and the supply
96 problems with mass timber. Steve Roy said they are working with the structural engineer
97 now to make the frame of the building as cost-effective as possible, but they’re looking at it
98 primarily as a mass timber building, but to use steel in some areas for cost savings. He
99 said they are exploring options, and there is a product called CLT (cross laminated timber)
100 which would need to be shipped from further away, but the closer, more “local” option
101 would be NLT (nail laminated timber), which is an old process that is coming back into into
102 more common usage. Huston said they’re in the phase where every system and design
103 aspect is being explored and is either confirmed or changed, and they will continue to
104 gather information to make this building as efficient as possible and is cost effective.

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106 Doyle-Wilch asked about the NLT product that was closer than the CLT product, and she
107 wondered how much closer it was. Roy said it’s manufactured almost everywhere but the
108 New England area. Doyle-Wilch said the community takes pride in a building when local
109 products are used, so it’s important to use the product closer to us if possible.

110 111 Clerk of the Works Report

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113 Harris said she didn’t have much new since her report, other than the Selectboard has
114 authorized Town Manager Ramsay to proceed with finalizing the contract, and that is in the
115 works.

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117 Circling back to the design changes in the front of the library, Harris said in their meeting
118 with Town Planner Murray, her comments on the design was based on the Downtown
119 Master Plan which focuses on creating “gathering spaces”, so that is the thought process
120 behind the change and is the answer to give when people ask about the change. Harris
121 said on June 20th, they will be doing soil borings on the property to find out the types of soils
122 and conditions for the structural design. *Note: This date has been changed to June 26.*

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124 The Town’s Bakery Lane project was discussed, and the fact it had been postponed until
125 2026, and the possibility of the lower parking lot work being done in conjunction with that.

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127 Harris said they are also going to need to shift the property line, but she isn’t sure how or
128 when that will happen, but the line will be determined by Otter Creek Engineering. She said
129 there is going to be a lot going on that will require a great deal of communication to
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Funding Update

McVeigh said there have been questions about what will happen in the future when the library needs more space, and Hart has put together a document explaining what we could do down the road if we need expansion, such as reconfiguring the existing interior to meet their needs. Hart said she'll hand out a copy to everyone to review and they can email comments and suggestions to her, and eventually she'd like to post it on the Library website for people to refer to when wondering about future needs.

Hart said we did not get the Congressionally Directed Funding from Senator Welch. She said there were three \$500,000 grants, and the one we're fairly confident on is the MERP (Municipal Energy Resiliency Program) Funding, and the one we're less confident on is the (NBRC) Norther Borders Regional Commission's Funding, and the Congressionally Directed Funding we were less sure about getting. She said this does put more pressure on acquiring the MERP funding, but the application period has been delayed. She said we should know in early July about the State Department of Libraries grant.

Hart said the Capital Campaign is now at \$3.8 million and the Trustees will be thinking about when we will move into the public phase of the campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Dow