

Library Trustee Meeting Agenda Monday June 17, 2013 7:30 PM At the M.N. Spear Library 10 Cooleyville Road

Minutes of previous meeting
Explore posting Trustee minutes on website
Perpetual Calendar
Look at questions from resident and form a plan to answer them
Building needs
Screen Door update
Sandbox update
leaking roof
crumbling chimney
Broadband - bandwidth - DSL fee- materials budget
Attached letter request
Vacations

June 11. 2013

As we move forward toward the next time the Town of Shutesbury can request a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) for construction of a new library I think it is important that the Trustees of the Library make public their plans, goals, and financial status regarding the library.

I respectfully request that this topic be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion and review. I also request that detailed minutes of this agenda item be available.

Points of discussion should include:

What the residents of Shutesbury want and need for library services.

Whether these services can be adequately provided in the current library building, a modification of the current library, another existing town facility, a modification of an existing town facility, or a newly constructed building.

If a newly constructed building is being considered what square footage is being considered? What would be included in the floor plan layout (shelf stacks, reading rooms, computer rooms, meeting rooms, kitchen, etc.)?

What the possible financial requirements of meeting the appropriate level of expected library services might be. Cost of a renovation/addition vs. new construction. Cost of various sizes/various levels of amenities of a new building. How large a grant is anticipated to be requested? Could Shutesbury fund a new library without a grant? How much money is currently in various accounts with the town and other library organizations earmarked for library construction?

What are the major milestone/timeline dates that can be anticipated, i.e. concept complete 2013, design complete 2014, grant requested 2015, etc?

What is the position of the Library Trustees on the alleged contamination of the proposed site?

Although the public was invited to become involved during the last attempt to build a new library, few people participated until voting time. It is my feeling that the public will be watching this next process much more closely and that there will need to be much greater support from the public to accomplish the ultimate goal. Now is the time to begin getting the public involved and the first step is to let the public know what is being considered. Discussing this at the next meeting will start that process.