Shutesbury Library Building Committee Minutes

June 20, 2023

Meeting held virtually

LBC Members Present: Mary Anne Antonellis, Elaine Puleo, Brad Foster, Stephen Dallmus, Dale

Houle, Penny Jacques. MBLC Representative: Lauren Stara.

Matt Oudens & Dominik Wit -OEA, Neil Joyce & Roger Hoyt - OPM

LBC Members Absent: Molly Moss, Jeff Quackenbush

Public: Amanda Alix, Mike Vinskey, Mary Lou Conca, April Stein, Rob Kibler, Penny Kim, Miriam DeFant, Lori Tuominen, Weezie Houle, Penny Kim

Meeting started 7:01 p.m.

Public Comments

Amanda Alix: 1. Concerned about 5,000 sq ft ruling that would eliminate the need for sprinkler system. Response from Oudens that clarifies the ruling. 2. Why is MBLC changing mind on reducing program size? Stara responded that MBLC is looking for functionality and will not approve any reduction until a plan has been completed.

Mike Vinskey: Request that agenda be clearer and not so vague – could increase public participation

Mary Lou Conca: Where does the money from MLBC come from? Taxes? Stara: yes, it is a bond authorized by the state legislature.

April Stein: Appreciates the transparency of the committee.

Minutes of June 6, 2023

Dallmus made a motion to accept minutes as amended; Antonellis seconded. Antonellis-aye; Dallmus-aye; Houle-aye; Foster-aye; Jacques - aye; Puleo-aye.

Minutes of June 13, 2023

Antonellis made a motion to accept minutes as amended; Dallmus seconded. Antonellis-aye; Dallmus-aye; Houle-aye; Foster-abstain; Jacques - aye; Puleo-aye.

Updated schematic design review: Matt Oudens presented new schematic design plan – see attached. Reviewed how this will affect and reduce the cost of construction.

The site plans are preliminary. They are not the final site plans which we will not have before the meeting with the Conservation Commission on 6/22. Matt feels these preliminary drawings are sufficient for that meeting's discussion concerning moving into the wetland buffer zone.

Rob Kibler – given reduced size, could we reorient the building 90 degrees? Oudens: yes, but we would not be able to get the benefit of moving the building closer to the road.

Motion to accept one of the designs?

Jaques moved to accept the design that includes a gabled roof. Dallmus seconded.

Question: Foster- Does Matt have concerns over gable vs mono-pitch roof? Oudens: No. Gable may be more cost effective and smaller design is more in line with gabled roof.

Dallmus: Prefers gabled roof – meeting room ceiling height is improved, no worry about snow collection on low slope roof, overall likes the design.

Roll call vote: Antonellis-aye; Dallmus-aye; Houle-aye; Foster-aye; Jaques-aye; Puleo-aye

Schedule update: June 28th next design subcommittee meeting. Review of new cost estimate by end of July. Design development phase will start the beginning of August. Out to bid March 2024. Construction start by summer 2024.

Puleo asked if there was any more business; with none, we moved to adjourn.

Antonellis made a motion to adjourn; Dallmus seconded. Antonellis-aye; Dallmus-aye; Houle-aye; Foster-abstain; Puleo-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Next scheduled meeting date: Tuesday, July 11, 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Puleo