

Library Building Committee: Mary Anne Antonellis, Stephen Dallmus, Dale Houle, Penny Jaques, Molly Moss, Jeff Quackenbush Brad arrived at 7:24pm Absent: Elaine Puleo
CMS-OPM: Neil Joyce, Roger Hoyt MBLC: Heather Backman, Andrea Bono-Bunker

Meeting Opened at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment None

Review of August 28 Minutes

Dallmus moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Houle seconded.

Roll call vote: Antonellis-aye, Dallmus-aye, Houle-aye, Jaques-aye, Moss-aye, Puleo-aye

Jeff Quackenbush-abstain

Update on construction progress

Hoyt gave an update on construction progress:

- Electrical and mechanical work is continuing
- Moisture mitigation and subfloor overlayment have been completed.
- Concrete base for entrance sign has been poured.
- Sliding glass walls have been installed in Children's and Community Rooms
- Hopefully National Grid has verified that building is ready for final electrical installation and this will be completed in the next few days
- Concrete pads and pavers are completed on west side, walkways will go in next

Antonellis met with Huntress and Sephton of the Broadband Committee to look at locations for wireless access points. The Broadband Committee received a grant to cover internet and technology equipment and internet installation in the building.

Antonellis also reported that the MVP grant funds for FY25 that cover the cost and installation of solar panels have been received.

Update on landscaping

Antonellis: What has been done to date?

Hoyt reported that compost samples are being analyzed. Joyce thinks they will seed this year even if it's outside the planting window and may have to come back in the spring to reseed.

Jaques gave a reminder that the Conservation Commission OOC specifies several dates that are relevant to the landscaping.

Update on budget

Total budget is coming in under \$9 million. We have roughly \$400K in contingency.

CMS's services have been paid through November 1.

Bird-friendly window treatment

Antonellis suggests that we consider adding a window treatment to the large expanses of glass to prevent bird collisions. The library was selected to participate in Flight Path, a program that

teaches about bird migration and promotes ways to make buildings safe from bird collisions. Antonellis recommends Feather Friendly film which is used at Hitchcock Center and US Fish & Wildlife building. The product is a film with dots that is applied to the exterior of windows. It has a 6-year warranty (but has lasted 15 years) and can be washed. She added that the new library is located in area that is attractive to birds and we will be attracting even more birds with plantings and birdfeeders. She went on to say that installing the film is the responsible thing to do and we should do it before we open.

Quackenbush: Can we confirm that this doesn't void warranty for windows? Antonellis: Yes.

Moss asked about cost. Antonellis replied that it is \$12-15/sf and we have about 1000 sf of windows. She is waiting for an estimate for installation.

Moss: Is this a MBLC eligible cost? Bono-Bunker: Yes, as long as we are within in budget.

We will meet on September 29 to discuss the estimates .

Update on building furnishings

Antonellis noted that we have ordered all the furniture that we need except for an area rug in the children's room.

Friends of the Library Fundraising Efforts

Jaques listed upcoming fundraisers that are being organized by the Friends

- Lasagna Dinner on Oct 3
- Turkey Trot on Nov 22
- Finishing Touches Campaign offers donors an opportunity to purchase specific items for the interior (e.g., furnishing, kitchenette appliances) and exterior of the library (e.g., trees, benches, birdfeeders).

Next Meeting Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm

Moss made a motion to adjourn. Houle seconded.

Roll call vote: Antonellis-aye, Dallmus-aye, Foster-aye, Houle-aye, Jaques-aye, Moss-aye, Quackenbush-aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.