

Wolfeboro Public Library Building Committee
Wolfeboro Town Hall
Friday, March 28, 2019
10 AM

Present: Mike Babylon, Kathy Barnard, Cindy Scott, Candace Thayer, Douglas Smith, Joyce Davis, Barbara Widmer, Inger Woerheide

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The motion passed.

Cindy brought members up-to-date on the progress of the expansion/renovation project. Construction is 4 – 6 weeks behind schedule. Once the roof is in place providing protection and with the weather improving, that should be cut to two weeks. Also in place are the plywood walls with window cutouts giving the building dimension.

There has been a problem with one of the boilers on the existing furnace. Cindy will consult on what to do going forward. The plan is to consolidate and use up the available oil and defer oil deliveries for the time being.

The town has raised both water and sewer rates which impacts the budget.

The front brick wall will have to be dismantled which will impact the use of, and necessitate some temporary reshuffling of, the existing space. Many decisions will have to be made in the next six weeks. For instance, a new location has to be found for the postcards that need to be moved. There will be a temporary hook-up of the plumbing so that the new bathrooms will be usable. The existing water line will be dug up but not repaired. When the ground defrosts, a new water line will be dug under the road. There is an issue with a chase for the utilities.

Joyce and Barbara discussed the color board and showed a sample of the burnt orange laminate chosen for the round table in the children's area. The laminate originally chosen was discontinued. Joyce also shared photos of and her thoughts on, the Portsmouth library which she toured with Barbara and two other librarians. The same color, (gray) was used throughout the interior. All of the trim was white. The overall affect was "clean and modern". Board members liked the idea and decided to eliminate the green accent color from the board. Joyce suggested that color variation could be achieved by using different shades of the same color.

Barbara liked the system that the Portsmouth Library used for hanging art. A strip at the top of the wall with wires. She also described the carpeted, built-in stair-steps for seating in the children's area. She suggested using the same idea for the story time corner in the new children's room.

Cindy pointed out several changes that have been made to the floor plan. The Friends nook has been eliminated, her office has been enlarged and the roll down shutter in the IT room has been eliminated.

Cindy shared two lighting fixture examples that would be flush with the ceiling. It was decided that hanging fixtures would interfere with the line of sight.

Stackable chairs were discussed. Portsmouth has mesh chairs that can be stacked 30 high.

Signs designating donors were discussed. Portsmouth used a material that looks like a light gray granite with darker gray lettering. All of the signs used the same font.

Cindy said that another subject for discussion will be security systems.

Replacement of the outside sign was discussed. Cindy suggested granite with solar lighting. It was thought that an in-ground sign in front of the building might block the window and one to the side would impede drivers' vision while turning out of the driveway. The original letters that were on the front of the building have been salvaged and may be put to use across the top of the front windows, assuming there is enough space. Cindy will run it by Ron.

The committee was asked how often they wish to meet. It was decided to meet as needed with a week's notice.

Doug moved for adjournment at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Inger Woerheide and Barbara Widmer