Notes April 25, 2014 Building committee meeting.

9:05 meeting began. Cindy Scott, Mike Hodder and Prue Fitts present.

No need for non-public session. Meeting was posted.

Minutes from Candy approved. (Prue did not get).

20% of children’s services are electronic. Services to non young adults are decreasing.

Looked at population figures. These are distorted due to seasonal differences.

Goal for new library is to build for 20 years out.

1. Meeting rooms to be multi purpose
2. Archive and local history can be together
3. “Maker space”
4. Café idea scrapped. Customers can take coffee, etc. to where they are sitting/working.
5. Local authors’ books would be a niche collection
6. Defined spaces can be redefined.
7. Adjacencies - consider what can/should be used next to each other.
8. Conference room would be for 100; anything larger, we would use the town hall.
10. Unassigned space consists of hall ways, doorways, etc.

New plan has gone from 20 – 24 K sq feet to 17-21 sq feet.

Discussion about virtues of new building; one vs two story; addition on existing building. Each has plusses and minuses. Current building is about 100’ wide. Architect’s drawing for new building is about 130’ wide but 30’ needs to be for road, 20’ curbside with another 10? So we would not gain more space. A new building would be long and narrow. Issue of Police Station a few feet away.

2 story brings with it the issue of elevator and stairs. Lot for new building would be too wet for underground storage. Negatives with addition are (not limited to) moving library during construction (not good to try to stay open during); Move to Huggins (weight of books a possible issue), reduced services while relocated. The problematic roof, lighting and walls are an issue.

Whatever the decision, using the far wetlands as a garden feature with [paths to town gardens seems to be something everyone wants.

Meeting ended @ 10:30
Prue Fitts