Wolfeboro Public Library Building Committee Minutes
January 15, 2016

Present: Bob Cain, Joyce Davis, Pru Fitts, Mike Hodder, Pat McLaughlin, Cindy Scott, Candy Thayer, Barbara Widmer and Inge Woerheide

Candy began by saying the Building Foundation had hired a professional fund raising team and through them, it was determined that there was not enough time to raise the necessary funds in order to make the time constraints of being on the 2017 warrant. It was previously thought that 2017 was a better time for us than 2018 but according to Dave Ford and Rob Houseman, 2018 would be fine.

Discussion took place around Mike’s report, “A Way Forward”. In it was the recommendation of using a construction management firm when the time comes. This method allows us to tell them how much money we have to work with and up to the firm to work within those limits. Dave Ford, Rob Houseman and Corey Ryder from the town are willing to help us through the process. This can work to our advantage as it will make it more of a town project and therefore, more of a psychological “buy-in” to the project.

Joyce asked if we are able to have another firm use the plans that Johnson-Roberts drew up for us. Do we own the plans? We would need to look at the contract. Mike suggested that when we hire the construction management firm, we ask them if they are willing to work with the current architects.

Much discussion took place regarding the roof and if it will be up to code and how much of the $5 million dollar cost will be put into the roof. It was thought that we do need an engineering solution to present to the public.

More discussion regarding what the money the Foundation will be raising will go to-renovations or additions. Some members of the Foundation feel that renovations are the town’s responsibility. Joyce mentioned that there is no guarantee that we will be able to have the additions after renovations are done.

It was brought up that the general public doesn’t see anything wrong with the current building and Cindy said she will certainly give tours to anyone including committee/Foundation members.

There has been some confusion among the public with the Tuftonboro library project and our project. The responsibility of this committee is to get the word out to the public.

Pat made a motion that this committee adopt the outline of procedure and timeline as written in “The Way Forward” document authored by Mike Hodder and dated January 15, 2016. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
After discussion regarding naming opportunities, Mike made a motion that this board recommend not offering naming opportunities. Inge seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion took place about our use of the hospital facilities when we make the move. The hospital is in a state of flux at the moment and cannot make a commitment. Inge asked about the cost of moving and Mike said it was between $60,000-$70,000.

In the interim, we will follow the timeline as outlined in Mike’s report.

Cindy asked if Dave and/or Rob could attend our next meeting.

Next meeting is tentatively set for Fri., Feb. 19th. Mike will check with Dave as to his availability. Candy will contact committee via email when all is set.
Mike moved to adjourn and Pat seconded. Meeting adjourned 2:50 PM.

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