

Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees -Special Meeting Minutes DRAFT
May 3, 2021

Lindsey Maziarz, as Chair of the Barrington Public Library Trustees, declared that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Trustees as a public body are authorized to meet electronically. Trustees in attendance, Library Director, and Select Board Representative participated remotely through zoom, and all motions were voted on by a roll call vote.

Present: Trustees: Lindsey Maziarz, Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Lydia Cupp, Karen Towne. **Absent:** Robert Drew. Melissa Huette (Library Director), and SMP Architect, Jason LaCombe.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The BPL Board of Trustees had voted to postpone the new library building project in March 2021 due to the budgetary constraints resulting from the COVID 19 Pandemic.

This special meeting was called to review the current status of the building project and discuss how to proceed. The options considered were to:

- >Continue with the proposed new building design for the March 2022 Town elections.
- >Pause this design for another year or more.
- >Revisit the SMP design to renovate present Library with an addition to increase space.

Discussion included how to best meet the needs for more space and maintain and increase the donor base while acknowledging the reality of Pandemic budgetary constraints.

It was noted that Connor MacIver, Town Manager is working to get C.I.P. Process back on track to assess and plan for the future needs of all Town departments.

SMP Architect, Jason Lacombe, presented the proposed design to renovate the current building that would also include an addition. Trustees agreed that it is essential to meet the increased space needs while keeping the budget in check.

Jason's presentation included:

- *new front entrance.
- *keeping bathrooms and kitchen area in the same location to minimize cost.
- *assuring that building is ADA compliant. (especially wheelchair access to all areas).
- *decrease in size of public meeting room.
- *upgrades in systems including air filtration and ventilation to meet pandemic protocols.
- *options on how to keep Library functioning during renovations.

A decision was made to present these options in a special meeting with Library staff, Foundation and Friends. It was agreed that staff input is very important as they understand the logistics of the library and its space needs.

The Trustees will take this input into consideration along with public and organization comments and suggestions received from the Foundation community interviews.

The BPL Trustee Board will use all input received and make a decision on how to move forward to best meet the increased Library space needs while minimizing the budget impact.

Susan made a motion to adjourn at 7:40. Karen seconded the motion and it was passed by a roll call vote.

Next BPL Trustee Board Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30pm