**North Hampton Public Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**Working Session**

**Date: 25 July 2019, 5:30 pm**

**Location of Session: North Hampton Public Library**

**Meeting Not Recorded by Video – Voice Recording Available**

**Attendees:**

Chair: Susan Leonardi

Treasurer: Jacqueline Brandt

Secretary: Kathleen Kilgore

Library Director: Susan Grant

Alternate: Open

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Board of Trustees Working Session

Public In Attendance

Scott Baker

Judy Day

Liz Herold

Nancy Monaghan

Rick Stanton

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Susan Leonardi.

Kathleen makes statement that she is an abutter and will refrain from discussion and vote about the “The Homestead” property.

Susan asked Ron to update the pricing on the Bauen plan dated 9/25/2015, based on The Chauncey plan.

2015

9,000 sq ft library on

$ 1.9 million - $ 212 per sq feet

2019 – Current Project of Reno / Addition

11,386 sq ft

$ 2.6 million - $ 223 per sq ft

Rough cost to build the same building on the Homestead would be $ 2,745,740 - $ 235 per sq ft

Only way to save on design fees ($ 140K to date), he would suggest not starting over, use the current design on “The Homestead” property. The real problem is with the land, it would have to be deeded to the Library, until that happens the land in not governed by the Trustees and nothing can proceed until that happens.

Additional costs to move to “The Homestead” property:

$ 140,000

$ 45,000 - septic

$ 275,000 – parking lot of 30 spaces noted by BOS

Ron estimated approximately 6,059 sq ft of ledge that would need to be removed at $ 70 per cubic yard

Ron answered questions that came up in CIP, providing the actual dimension of the addition / renovated building, information about the ADA bathrooms and where IT equipment will be located.

Ron provided the original cost estimates (2015) to renovate the existing library for town office usage of $891,000. It would be considered a change of use. Ron updated the estimate to do this would now be closer to $ 1 million

Both Susan and Jacqui stated they have looked at all the information available. They did not want to give up an opportunity build new if it made sense.

**Susan Leonardi discussion points:**

It would be a disservice to the Town to use the same plan we are working on now to build new on The

Homestead property.

There is a lot of history to look back on. She referred to the orange binder with documents and

information.

Survey held after the first campus vote sent out by Kelly Parrott – 191 respondents

The library should chart its own course

The library should be a separate building and a separate vote from the rest of the campus

Referred back to the surveys taken, she wanted to review what people wanted, what library

supporters wanted.

She has been on the board for 3 terms.

She reviewed the history and how we got to this plan. With all the history she has had with the Town

Campus plans what has evolved during this process, she believes this plan is something the

community can get behind this.

She is not confident that it is a sure thing it will pass the vote.

She believes this is a benefit to the Select Board. It gets the Library off the list. They can make a plan

and get rolling on it.

It is always the Fall before any plans begin to take design. We have the plans now, we are poised to

go into the Fall

We changed directions in so times. She feels this is the plan that get the most support.

2015 Citizens Petition failed miserably at the vote to give The Homestead property to the Library and

she is concerned.

Ultimately the cost is the driving factor.

**Jacqui discussion points:**

Discussed costs to the town to renovate the existing library for town offices

It would be a disservice to the Town to use the same plan we are working on now to build new on The

Homestead property

All this depends on the voter and what they want.

She is concerned about the cost for a library to the town.

If we switch gears now, we risk loss of confidence in the community.

Fundraising / Taxpayer impact. If we delay, we will lose momentum. Lost of fundraising will

negatively impact on the taxpayers.

It is not about what you or I want, its what is best for the town and the library supporters.

We are so far into the plan.

She feels she would not be responsible to dump this plan.

**Susan Grant discussion points:**

She is concern it is a negative to have the voter decide on too many points. They would have to vote

deed the property to the Library and then vote on the cost of the library.

**Motion**: Proceed with the current expansion and renovation plan *made by Jacqui Brandt*

*Seconded by Susan Leonardi*

**Vote**: **2-0-1**

**Motion**: Compose a letter to the Select Board detailing our reasoning and the figures provided by Ron

to decline the offer of the Homestead *made by Susan Leonardi Seconded by* *Jacqui Brandt*

**Vote**: **2-0-1**

Old Home Day – Saturday, August 10, 2019

Trustees will have a table to sell the ornaments and bumper stickers. We will have the latest plans to share.

Susan Grant is working in the Library – no Old Home Day activities are scheduled to happen at the library. Everything is happening at the school.

Friends will have a table at the school. Cynthia is looking for bake goods – blueberry themed

Hours will be: 10 – 2

We discussed marking off the dimensions of the addition and renovation on the property.

August meeting topics:

Committee Meeting Presentations Schedule

Homestead Property

Budget

The meeting was adjourned by Susan Leonardi at 6:25 pm

**Appendix of Additional Documents to Meeting Minutes (for reference):**

Email from Ron Lamarre dated 7-10-2019

Email from Ron Lamarre dated 7-25-2019

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