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Library Trustees’ DRAFT Minutes 2/16/17

Present: Susan Leonardi, Chair( by phone); Kelly Parrott, Treasurer; Judy Day, Secretary; Susan Grant, Librarian. In the audience: Cynthia Swank, president of the Friends of the Library. The meeting was held at the North Hampton Town Library, New Hampshire Room.

**I** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Susan Leonardi.

**II New Business**

**a) Lavallee Brensinger Pre-Bond Vote Services Discussion**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal created by Ron Lamarre, architect from Lavallee Brensinger of Manchester. (Please see proposal attached to the January 31st library minutes.) The purpose of the discussion was to develop questions to ask Mr. Lamarre when he attends the March 6th BoT meeting

Kelly wrote down the questions that were developed by Board members as well as Susan Grant and Cynthia Swank.

**b) Other Concerns, questions and ideas related to the future building of the library.**

Unless there is a site designated for the library by the BOS and/or through the vote of the town, Phase II of Mr. Larmarre’s Proposal cannot be initiated.

The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to ask the Select Board to sit down and share ideas about any plans for future development of the municipal facilities.

Ms. Swank suggested that the library might consider having information ready for the CIP committee by August.

Members of the Board should create a timeline to help keep focused on the goal of having a new library.

Since the Board is generally interested in a library that has some attributes of the Kingston Library, the question was asked if it might be less expensive for Ron to develop plans for the North Hampton Library using parts of other plans (such as Kingston). Ms. Leonardi stated that there are size differences between the two libraries that might require differences in architectural design.

Ask Fire Chief Tully about the turning radius necessary for fire trucks should only the fire station be built on the Homestead Property. Is there enough space for the engines to turn? Would it be necessary for the current library (as it exists now) be torn down if the Fire Station is located on the Homestead Property? If the current library was torn down and a two story library put in its place where would this have to be placed to accommodate the turning of the fire engines/other fire vehicles? (The current library is not built in a way as to allow a second story to be added.)

Is there a way to add onto the current library from the left side (as you face the library)?

What are the current ideas that are being considered for libraries? We should have discussions about these. For example, should libraries have less books? How important is meeting space? Are moveable walls a good idea?

What is the philosophy of our library/other libraries? How does this impact plans for a new library?

Should/could we have a speaker series that addresses some of these issues?

(After the conversation about the library proposal ended Ms. Leonardi had to leave to continue at her workplace.)

**III. Old Business**

**Supportive Literature/action for the petitioned warrant article. The article requests monitory support for the library from the town.**

The remaining members of the board and Ms. Grant spoke briefly about literature to send out in support of the article. There was a suggestion that Ms. Parrott might call the NHMA (New Hampshire Municipal Association) to discuss what can be done as an individual and what can be done as a Board when literature for an election is sent out? What is “electioneering?” is the broader question which might also be asked.

The meeting ended at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Day, Secretary