

**DRAFT MINUTES
NEW LIBRARY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY MAY 24, 2016 9 A.M.
BROOKFIELD LIBRARY (Upstairs)**

22st Meeting

The meeting was convened at 9 a.m.

Present: C. Cumberton, C. Lasser, D. Cioffi, P. Wagner, D. Brooks, A. Barney, B. McIlvaine, J. Voris, J. Choi, K. Ciriello (arrived at 9:41 p.m.)

Discuss Locations – Mrs. Cumberton shared the revised spreadsheet of locations and the rankings of criteria. Additionally, she has reached out to another architect about the project and is awaiting a response.

Mrs. McIlvaine suggested that the Committee consider the content of its discussion with the Library Board. Mr. Voris noted the importance of being able to explain the cost of the project to taxpayers, as well as the loss of property tax by removing a private property site from the tax base.

There was discussion regarding the Pocono Road properties, and how a proposed library will affect what is currently present there, such as the soccer fields. It was noted that the position of a Town Planner would take the bias out of Town property development situations.

C. Lasser discussed the importance of economic development in the Four Corners. Mr. Voris pointed out that, at this time, the Town has no clear plan for Four Corners development because it has no control over development. There was discussion that this could be accomplished if a Town-owned building such as a library was in the area.

Mrs. Cumberton advised that the ad hoc committee is meeting again on May 31, 2016, and First Selectman Dunn will be present.

Mrs. Barney noted the difficulty parking in the Town Hall lot this past Saturday during Shred Day. Mr. Voris noted that the possibility of expansion of the Police Department onto the soccer field has to also be considered.

Mrs. Barney will email out a list of reports related to libraries and economic development.

There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of locating the new library near Town Hall. Additionally, it was noted that libraries serve as “centerpieces” in the towns of West Hartford, Colchester and Ridgefield.

Mrs. Cumberton indicated that the Committee will advise the Library Board it would like to consider Four Corners’ properties first, and then the Town Hall site.

K. Ciriello arrived at 9:41 a.m.

There was discussion regarding Libby Post meeting with the NLC, the Library Board, Library staff and the Friends of the Library in July.

Mrs. McIlvaine requested that in light of this morning's discussion, that the spreadsheet be revised for the Library Board's meeting. The category of "draw for economic purposes" will also be added. Additionally, Mrs. Cumberton will speak with L. Post regarding a teleconference with herself and Mrs. McIlvaine.

It was requested that the availability of some of the Four Corners properties be clarified.

Mrs. Cumberton will follow up with the architect contact.

Next Steps - The New Library Committee will meet again on May 31, 9:00 a.m., at the Library.

Gmail Account Activity – No new activity noted.

Close Meeting - The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Cioffi