

The second meeting of The Old Library Management Committee was held on May 2, 2011 at 7pm. Members present: Joan Aubrey, Linda Hall-Little, Alicia Hawkes, Alice Hill, Susan May and Paul Palubniack.

Visitors: Mary Burack, Sarah Clemons, Dudley Davis, Tamsin Freeman, Bobbi Meserve, Thom Perkins, Warren Schomaker and Robert Temple.

This committee is charged with the task of determining how best to make the building available for use by the public and community of Jackson and for its preservation.

Ideas presented for its use were activities for small children, a drop-in center for seniors, a meeting space for ladies/men groups such as those who meet for bridge and other social gatherings. A suggestion made was to start small and see what evolves.

The town will provide funds for normal maintenance such as electricity, fuel, alarm system and snow removal. The preservation of the interior will require craftsmen skilled in their trades and separate funding will be needed for these projects. One such project is the meticulous restoration of the old paneling. Another is for double doors that separate the two rooms. The originals were previously removed to provide more wall space. If someone has a thought where they might have been stored, please contact a committee member. Two of the stand alone bookcases have been earmarked for town buildings. Personal requests will be accepted by the committee.

Multi use of the building will require additional insurance as will permanently displayed artifacts, yet to be appraised. The building itself is insured by the town.

There was discussion, both pro and con, about opening the building as an historic site for tourists.

Agenda for the next meeting is to discuss fund raising and elect officers. Members, remember to bring tape measures!

The next meeting is at the old library on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7 pm. The meeting is open to the public. Your thoughts and ideas are most welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.