

**Abbott Library Special Trustee Meeting – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – 6pm  
Draft minutes**

**Special meeting held to discuss a written formal request to be given to the Sunapee Selectmen at 8:15pm this evening at the Sunapee Town Hall.**

**Members Present:** Peter Urbach, Chair, Rhonda Gurney, Steve Fair, John Mapley, Sally Southard, Lisa Bozogan, Faith Reney. Also present, John Walden, Library Director

**Meeting Attendees:** Denise Preston, Ed Preston, Paul Pratt, Barbara Chalmers, Peter White, Dan Banks, Anne Nilsen, Betty Tatlock, Mary Epremian, Sue Gottling

**Submitted by:** Rhonda Gurney

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On November 19, 2007, those noted above met at the Abbott Library. The following are the minutes relating to topics and discussions that took place.

Rhonda Gurney read a rough draft letter (attached) drawn up by the Abbott Library Building Committee. The draft letter for discussion and approval of the Trustees was written, as requested by Donna Nashwaty, Town Manager, as a formal request to be given to the Board of Selectmen at their November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The letter requests that the Board of Selectmen begin negotiations with the Sunapee Harbor Riverway for the property they own in the Harbor. The property would be utilized for a new library.

The following comments were entered into discussion:

- Sally asked who “benefits from the sale of this property?”
- Has the Abbott Library been assessed? Yes, but not in writing.
- Should we suggesting an option of a trade of property with the Riverway? Consensus of the Board pointed to a “no”. Decision to eliminate references to trade to be removed from the letter.
- The need for two warrant articles; one dealing with the purchase of the land and the second dealing with a new fundraising article.
- Would we fundraise for remaining cost of purchasing the land? Yes, we would only ask the taxpayers for the 70% equity value of the Abbott Library. When new library is complete the town would take over the old library building.
- What money do we have now for expenditures? We have roughly \$70,000 that could potentially be used for purchase of the property.
- We are only making a request to the Selectmen for them to begin negotiations.
- Discussion about writing contracts to have the library built. Avoid problems by beginning the project ASAP.

Decision to modify request to Selectmen:

Remove references to a Riverway/Abbott Library property swap.

Rhonda made a motion to accept request as modified. Lisa Bozogan seconded the motion. Four in favor – Rhonda, Lisa, Steve, Faith. Two against – Sally, John M. One abstention – Peter.

Proposal passes.

Move to adjourn at 6:50pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm