

**BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES**

August 26, 2013

Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street , Training Room
Chairman James Brochu; Selectman Robert J. Fleming; Selectman
Kenneth Picard; Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson.

1 The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. Chairman Brochu opened the meeting and indicated
2 that this is a joint meeting between the Selectmen and the Library Board of Trustees to discuss
3 the Gordon Mycology report about the Library. Also present at the meeting were several
4 members of the Finance Committee.

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6 Chairman Robertson gave an overview of the Library, improvements regarding air quality made
7 about 12 years ago, current issues of odor in the Library that led to the Trustees to commission
8 this investigation. Director Bachtold described the process to choose a firm to complete this
9 work, and the process of the investigation. Chairman Robertson described the findings in the
10 report; specifically that mold had been detected and that it was not pervasive in the Library on
11 the first floor, but was more pronounced in the basement. He said that the Trustees are
12 concerned about this with regard to the health of their employees and patrons that visit.
13 Unfortunately what could not be determined was the cause of the odor that comes and goes in the
14 Library space, and which is different than what is noticeable in the basement. The Trustees
15 called the meeting of the various boards to discuss the matter and try to come up with a course of
16 action to resolve the situation.

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18 The Trustees and the Selectmen discussed their knowledge of mold, and the fact that there is no
19 State law or regulation governing the remediation mold once it is found. Further, that mold is
20 likely present in most buildings, but to varying degrees that may have no effect on inhabitants.
21 The boards then discussed various approaches to the issue. Chairman Brochu suggested that a
22 HEPA air filter could be rented that would help improve the air quality. Chairman Robertson
23 suggested that the repairs that seemed most critical are the exterior apron of the building on the
24 north side, to close any penetrations between the basement and library floors, to take down the
25 wallboard along the Children's section of the library and investigate what is behind there, the
26 basement air quality and perhaps renting a HEPA filter.

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28 Ms. Robinson told the boards that Vertex, the firm providing owners project manager services
29 for the Town Hall project has a section that specializes in air quality. She contacted them and
30 they can come out and review the report findings and look the building, after which they would
31 be able to help us determine what are the most important and cost effective tasks to undertake to
32 improve the situation. The Boards discussed this and thought this was a good idea. Ms.
33 Robinson will move forward to set this up.

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35 The Boards also discussed informing the public about the report findings. After some debate on
36 the best way to approach this, the Boards decided to work together on a statement that in essence
37 will say that we've received a report and are investigating the best approach to resolve the
38 situation.

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40 Funding for the repairs was also discussed. There is just under \$10,000 available from the prior
41 project to make improvements to the building, and the Library has \$60,000 approved at Town
42 Meeting that is to be used for the interior renovations. The Library expressed a willingness to

43 use some of this for the repairs. Mr. Calianos from the Finance Committee also suggested that
44 the Library could approach the Committee for a reserve appropriation, as long as Town Meeting
45 could be approached to replenish it at the fall meeting.

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47 Thus it was decided that Ms. Robinson will set up a meeting with Vertex, and that she and
48 Director Bachtold will work together to move forward with needed repairs. They will keep the
49 boards apprised of their progress, and work together on a joint statement.

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51 **ADJOURN MEETING**

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53 ***Motion #1***At 8:10 pm motion was made by Chairman Brochu to adjourn the regular meeting.

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55 Second: Selectman Fleming, Unanimous: Selectman Picard.

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58 Respectfully submitted,

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60 Blythe Robinson, Town Manager