

**Wayland Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Meeting July 30, 2012
Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library**

Present: Library Director Ann Knight; Trustees Aida Gennis (chair, presiding), Sally Cartwright, Anne Heller, Nan Jahnke, Lynne Lipcon; **Absent:** Thaddeus Thompson

Call to Order: 4:20 p.m.

Public Comment and Visitors

There was no public comment and no visitors.

Purpose of Meeting

This special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was called (a) to continue discussion of plans drawn in conjunction with the Feasibility Study by Kang Associates, Architects, for a proposed new building to house both the Library and the Council on Aging (COA) at Town Center and (b) to vote whether to whether to endorse the concept of such a shared facility, based on the proposed plan.

State Funding

In answer to a question, Mrs. Knight confirmed that all the money in the last round of state library construction grants has already been committed, and there is a waiting list. The state Board of Library Commissions does not anticipate opening another round of grants until 2016 at the earliest.

Space Needs

Mrs. Jahnke reviewed the findings of the board's recent special meeting for those who could not attend, noting especially that the spaces described in the Kang floor plans meet the space needs identified for the Library program. In answer to a question, it was noted that the footprint for the proposed building, i.e., the square footage of the first-floor space, is 25,225 square feet (the second-floor space comprises an additional 18,075 square feet). This footprint exceeds the 20,000-square-foot "municipal pad" that the developer has proposed to make available to the Town. Some negotiations, accommodation, and approvals may be required for the bigger footprint.

Strengths and Concerns

Mrs. Gennis led a discussion of strengths and concerns about the proposed shared building at Town Center. Among the many strengths mentioned were these:

- the satisfaction of the Library's long-recognized space and program needs
- the compatibility of the Library and COA programs
- the opportunity to build an important town community space in a vibrant new setting
- the opportunity to share costs and spaces to maximize Town funds and facilities
- the immediate availability of the parcel and ease of developing the necessary infrastructure
- the availability of adequate parking and safe traffic patterns for patrons

Among the concerns expressed were these:

- fondness for the beautiful old Library building

- the absence of state funding for the project
- uncertainty over whether Town Center will be a success
- how shared space would be scheduled
- how quickly to move toward construction

As the trustees weighed the strengths and concerns, a consensus emerged.

Vote to Move Forward

Mrs. Gennis moved that the Board support the idea of building a community center at the new Town Center with shared space for the Library and the Council on Aging, as presented in the Kang Feasibility Study of July 2012, and, further, that the Board ask the Selectmen to proceed with the appropriate boards, committees, and actions to explore next steps. Mrs. Cartwright seconded the motion, and those present unanimously approved it.

The Board's decision will be presented at a meeting of the joint Library and COA task force, which is charged with exploring the feasibility of housing these two Town programs together in a single building. The task force's meeting is scheduled for August 1.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Documents

1. Agenda of Meeting, July 30, 2012
2. Floor plans, First Floor and Second Floor, Library/Senior Center, Kang Associates, 6/26/12
3. Site plan, Wayland Library/Senior Center, SK-1, DeVellis Zrein Inc., 6/20/12
4. Plan, Phase 1 Site Development, Wayland Town Center, RJ O'Connell & Associates

Next Meeting

- August 15, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the Raytheon Room, WPL

Respectfully submitted by Nan Jahnke, Trustee, Board Secretary