

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 18, 2018 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: W Barney, J Rocznik, J Tryon Ranaudo, M Callahan, J Crovo, B Dillon

ALSO PRESENT; M Gilroy, Library System Director

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting were accepted as corrected, 6-0
3. New Business
  - A. W Barney presented materials that he had gotten from the Connecticut State Library related to current library construction project in Connecticut. He highlighted projects that were on going in the general East Haddam region. He also discussed an ADA checklist, and an article from the Library Journal on design features for libraries of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
  - B. M Gilroy distributed a Library Space Planning Guide Worksheet that he had gotten from the Connecticut State Library. He had completed it and he shared the results. This provides the Facilities Planning Committee with the needs for any new library. He also shared with the Committee, the Connecticut State Library Construction Grant process and procedures.
  - C. B Dillon shared the site photos and topographic plots she obtained for both the Rathbun and East Haddam Free Libraries. She reviewed the finding including the site limitations as well as the existence of wetlands in the rear of each site. Included in her presentation was an examination of the land available with the present Methodist Church site adjacent to the EHFPL and the former bank site next to the Rathbun Library, She also shared with the Committee a design plan that had been proposed for the Old Town Hall/Grange site some 20 years ago for a Town Office Building. There was a discussion regarding the feasibility of using a similar plan for a new library building. B Dillon will continue to research this idea. The consensus of the Committee was that this was an idea worth pursuing, while not ignoring the possibility of renovating and/or adding to the existing facilities
  - D. There was a discussion about other possible uses for the existing library buildings. M Gilroy stated that when the Town bought the Rathbun building, there was a stipulation that it used as a library in perpetuity. The Committee that these sorts of issues would need to be addressed and resolved as the project moves forward.
  - E. The Committee directed the Chair to meet with the First Selectman to review the potential of using the Old Town Hall/Grange site for a new library building incorporating the ideas of the prior Town Office Building proposal. The Committee also directed the Chair to discuss with the First Selectman the need for the Committee to have access for 'seed money' to move the project forward.
4. Old Business
  - A. The Committee Library Tour was rescheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2018, beginning at the Rathbun Library at 2:00 PM
5. There were no citizens present
6. Without objection , the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

