

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 17, 2018

7:00 pm at the Municipal Complex (Room 3)

MEMEBERS PRESENT: Bill Barney, Juliana T. Ranaudo, Beth Dillon, John Crovo, Mike Callahan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janine Broe

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy, Dawn Barlow, John Bielot

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
- Minutes of the August 20th meeting were approved on a motion by B.Dillon/J.Crovo.
- B.Barney, M.Callahan and J.Crovo spoke to the first selectman.
 - There was a discussion of the various site options.
 - It was agreed that the goal of this committee was to create options.
 - There are 3 possible options: A new building, expand one existing building, keep and run both existing buildings.
 - The Board will ultimately present the best option(s) to the Town's newly formed Financial Capital Planning Group in January.
- Maps of the possible sites were reviewed.
 - The Old Town Hall/Grange is a viable option.
 - The high school property is not viable, partly due to access issues.
 - An expansion of EHFPL would require confirmation that the church next door is for sale. B.Barney will inquire.
- Before the next meeting, all committee members will create a list of pros and cons for each of the 3 options. We will combine to create one document. We will also work to get round numbers for the cost of each option.
- The committee requests from the Board a list of priorities and features that they would like to see in a new or updated facility.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:03 without objection.