

**EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 26, 2018**

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

**MEMEBERS PRESENT:** Bill Barney, Juliana T. Ranaudo, Mike Callahan, Dawn Barlow, Janine Broe, John Crovo, Beth Dillon

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
- Minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved without objection.
- B.Barney toured the Municipal Building basement with the First Selectman. The space has several limitations:
  - Many small sectioned off spaces
  - Concrete walls will make build out modifications difficult
  - Windows are high or non-existent
  - The space is not directly handicapped accessible
- B.Barney got a very rough construction cost for a new building. Estimates are about 5-10 million. A more accurate number will be obtained with the feasibility study.
- The committee agreed that a new building at the Grange site is the only viable option. The building may or may not include the Grange and old Town Hall buildings.
  - The Methodist church will not be for sale for the foreseeable future.
  - The former bank near the Rathbun is not for sale.
- There was a motion to recommend the Grange site by B.Dillon, second J.Crovo. The motion passed without objection.
- B.Barney will write out a proposal for the Board of Trustees.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm without objection.