

# Vineyard Haven Public Library Building Design and Construction Committee

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 7, 2019

Held at the Vineyard Haven Public Library

**Committee Members Present:** Paul Munafo (Chair); Andrew Flake (Vice-Chair); Hal Garneau (Secretary); Amy Ryan (Ex-Officio); Ben Robinson; Jim Norton; Ian Aitchison

**Committee Members Absent:** Sandy Pratt (Ex-Officio); Johanna Kobran

**Guests Present:** Maryann Thompson; Doug Jack; Nate Stanfield; Larry Roy; Charlotte Fuss

Paul Munafo called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Ian Aitchison moved to accept the minutes from the January 1, 2019, January 14, 2019 and February 21, 2019 meetings as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Norton and passed unanimously by all those in attendance at the meeting.

At the start of the meeting, Amy Ryan briefly noted that due to a last minute change which provoked further delays by the Town, our contract with Maryann Thompson Architects still had not been ratified and signed as yet by Town officials. She expressed regret at this but noted that hopefully its signing by the Town was imminent.

Amy also mention that she had recently gone up to Boston to attend a meeting with Maryann Thompson Architects and the abutters to the library's south to discuss our expansion plans. These neighbors will also be embarking on renovations to their property and were supportive of our plans.

The majority of today's meeting consisted of a presentation by Maryann Thompson Architects of five possible siting options for the proposed multi-purpose meeting room addition. It was the committee's task to consider the pros and cons of each possibility in an attempt to whittle them down to three from which actual design concepts could then be prepared. The five options presented were:

1. Locating the addition in the far back corner of the existing patio garden
2. Locating the addition in the front corner of the existing patio garden adjacent to the children's room
3. Locating the addition to the south front of the library moving the children's room back into the patio
4. Locating the addition over the deep ditch and berm to the north of the library
5. Locating the addition as a second story above the front portion of the existing building

Each of these options would require, to varying degrees, some restructuring of the existing library's internal floor plan. Though some of the options seemed more favorable than others, the committee could not universally agree on the three options with which to move forward. The Library Director felt that additional research and exploration would be needed to decide if some of those options were viable from an operational and staffing perspective, as well as cost. Ultimately, the committee asked the architects to further refine four of the possibilities, but also keep the fifth open as an option.

It was decided to hold our next meeting on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hal Garneau

Approved 3/20/2019



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hal Garneau', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.