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**New Snow Library Feasibility Task Force
Minutes for Thursday, January 4, 2024**

1. Call to order

The Jan. 4, 2024 meeting of the **Snow Library Feasibility Task Force** was called to order by Task Force chair Steve Gass at 12:20 PM. **Present** were Task Force members Cheryl Bryan, John Londa, Mary Mador (webinar), Jeanne McNett and Gerry Grenier (alternate). Also present were Judith Schumacher (Nauset School Committee), Tavi Prugno (Library Director), Matt Oudens (webinar, Oudens Ello Architecture) and Vanessa Wu (webinar, Oudens Ello Architecture).

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved, 5-0.

4. Other updates

Steve met with **Building Commissioner** Davis Walters and others to discuss various regulation issues related to a new library building project, in particular, the parking requirements. Steve is drafting a follow-up memo to the Commissioner related to their discussion. In summary, the town requires 80 spaces of 10' width for the size building we are anticipating. The Commissioner has the ability to reduce that amount by 20%, to 64. MBLC requires 60 spaces and does not specify individual space width.

Steve met with the **Police Chief**, Scott MacDonald to discuss curb cuts with the anticipated library building. His sense was that the project met the requirements (150' sight of traffic). He suggested the **Transportation and Bikeways Advisory Committee** be contacted, and Steve will meet with them.

Steve also met with the **Fire Chief**, George Deering and others in the department to share the draft building plans and make sure sufficient access for emergency vehicles is a part of them. The present plans meet the needs of the new, larger fire truck. There also needs to be access on the east side of the building, which could be a fire lane and not a paved road. Matt explained that there were ways to meet this requirement and keep the library-green space integration of the plans so there is no psychological barrier between the library building and the town common.

Cheryl reported that she and Tavi are working on the square footage requirement for a **temporary space** for library operations and will share their findings at the Feb. 1 meeting.

5. Consultant Update

The refinements to the three draft plans will be continued to the next meeting, Jan. 18, and shared in advance so that the task force can discuss them then. Matt also structured the options for sharing the draft plans at the Community Forum on Jan. 23.

6. Visits to other libraries

The task force and others interested plan to visit the Norwell Public Library, designed by Oudens Ello Architecture (awarded American Architecture Award by the Chicago Athenaeum, 2023). Steve will coordinate. Matt will be there.

7. January Community forum, Jan. 23, 6:30 at Snow Library

The same general approach as for the first forum, with any modifications to be discussed at next meeting. The Friends is handling Zoom broadcast, recorded and to be available on the town website. Steve has a poster that he will share.

8. Items for future agendas

The Task Force will review plans at next meeting, with a focus on the pros and cons of each option.

9. Upcoming meeting dates

In February only, both Task Force meetings will be moved to 11:45 so that we can have a full two hours available.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by vote at 1:05.