

Library Exploratory Committee Meeting
15 February 2022
Cornish Town Offices

Present

Committee Members: Larry Dingee, Kathi Patterson, Dillon Gallagher, Susan Chandler, Laura Cousineau, Heidi Jaarsma.

Citizens: Colleen O'Neill, Bill Gallagher. Present via zoom: Keith Mullane

Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:31 pm
2. Agenda review
 - a. **ACTION. Heidi will post chart reviewed at Feb. 8 meeting to the town website**
3. Minutes for January 25 approved as emailed. February 8 meeting approved with two amendments: Kathi Patterson was present; spelling of Barbara Cieslicki's name.
 - a. Letter of intent [attached] was read by Colleen O'Neill. Discussion followed about the included provision that would require the donation to be approved by the town by November 20, 2022. This would require a special town meeting to approve the warrant, which is legal with a petition by 50 or more citizens or a call by the Select Board. Voting would be by paper ballot by the checklist and would be counted by the ballot clerks. Only those present at the meeting would be able to vote. Vote would pass by majority. A special meeting is rare. Based on the discussion of the expiration date of the letter of intent, the donor asked for 24 hours to change the letter of intent to move the date back to March 31, 2023. An early meeting would still be possible under the same conditions.
4. Interim Report to the Select Board: review, amend, and approve.
 - a. Discussion: inclusion of Trustee position on the renovation of Stowell. Trustees will discuss at upcoming meeting on Thursday and formalize that position.
 - b. The Interim Report received consensus acceptance, with thanks to Heidi for her work writing and compiling the report.
 - c. The summary report that will be published in the Town Report was reviewed. It was approved as amended.
5. Warrant article to appropriate funds for the committee
 - a. Discussion: how those funds might be allocated. Costs are needed for
 - i. furnishing costs for Stowell and new building. The committee suggested asking Banwell for a referral.

- ii. design and cost estimate for Stowell renovation. Larry and Kathi will meet to discuss this further.
 - b. The warrant may be amended on the floor at Town meeting if the amount is more or less than the amount stated in the warrant
- 6. Compile tasks to be performed prior to the Town Meeting, if any
 - a. Setting up the table with plans. The Trustees will have a table and the CCI will have a table.
- 7. Next meeting was set for after the town meeting: March 15 at 6:30 pm.
- 8. Meeting adjournment 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Cousineau