

Minutes from Public Forum  
July 23, 2022

Exploratory Members present: Laura Cousineau, Kathi Patterson, Dillon Gallagher, Heidi Jaarsma, Caroline Storrs, Susan Chandler

Absent: Larry Dingee

Library Trustees present: Laura Cousineau, Kathi Patterson, Richard Scheuer

Moderator: Gwyn Gallagher

43 members of the public

- 1:05 pm Call to order – Moderator Gwyn Gallagher
- Welcome: Forum organized by the Exploratory Committee and the Library Trustees for the sharing of the work of the Committee over the last year and the sharing of the public's thoughts as to what they see as the future of the Cornish Library.
- Introduction of the Exploratory Committee members and the Library Trustees.
- Ground Rules: Raise hands, listening, no idea is off the table
  
- We will not be presenting the two plans for the library. Presentations will take place in two forums in late September. Today, we will hear presentations from Committee members, followed by a 20 minute question period relevant to what was presented. Following that, we will hear audience responses to three questions which will be scribed on posters. The audience will be asked to rank the responses using 4 dots, 2 red, 2 green, noting their importance.
- The minutes of the forum will be on the website.
- The library survey is available electronically and in paper form. Return date is July 26, 2022.
  
- Presentations: Kathi Patterson-Background- attached  
Laura Cousineau- background – attached  
Dillon Gallagher – reading the Selectboard's charge  
Colleen O'Neill- store owner -attached  
Heidi Jaarsma- Legal aspects - attached  
Caroline Storrs- work of the interior/exterior committee - attached
  
- 20 minutes of questions to the presenters about their presentations:
- Nancy Wightman: If we don't give up the Stowell Building, let's use it as a resource rather than having an empty building. Laura responded that a cy pres would decommission the building and the property of the Stowell would revert to the town under the jurisdiction of the selectboard. Heidi reiterated that the intent of the Stowell's use is as a library. The court would determine if its use ceased to be as a library.

- Bill Wall asked if there were estimates available for the renovations. Gwyn responded that those estimates were not available today. Bill exited the forum.
  - Judith Kaufman, vice chair of the Friends of the Library and Library volunteer for 17 years questioned how a town could designate parking spaces for just one entity, the Library, and not all four entities (library, dance school, Historical Society, public) parking on the road. Dilly responded that the selectmen are in charge. They are reviewing Tom Dombrowski's parking study. The maintenance and control of all town roads is under the jurisdiction of the selectboard. Heidi reiterated that the selectmen have the legal authority to limit parking to the library only.
  - Maryann Thompson hoped that we have polled librarians across the state and that we are mindful of state standards. She would like to see a presentation of that information, as well, in September.
  - Jan Lord questioned the oversight of the community center. She wondered who controls the use of that space. Are there limitations to its use or users? Laura stated that by law, the management of the library is given to the Trustees. There is a subcommittee that is looking at what other libraries are doing in that regard. Heidi reiterated that any policy could not contravene the terms of the gift.
  - Kelly Parry asked whether the Trustee of the Stowell automatically become the Trustees of a new library. Heidi stated that there are two models. It is legal to have the same Trustees continue or there could be two boards. Kathi noted that the two boards would only remain until the cy pres was decided.
  - Lois Fitts questioned why the town needs another town center. We have the town hall, town offices and the CREA barn. Colleen responded that we can't use the water in the town hall; the CREA barn is outside; the Meeting House is not accessible. The store could host programs and activities in a modern space with white boards, heat pumps and parking. Laura said that a community center is a redundant term. Libraries ARE community centers. Richard Scheuer added that the community center could accommodate larger activities than are offered at the Stowell Library. Recent activities have hosted 35-40 parents and kids. There could be cooking classes and literacy cases for adults.
  - Robert Jaarsma referenced an article about sharing. Two libraries could promote tool sharing. It was noted that presently there is a telescope and metal detector sharing program, but there is no space at the Stowell to house items.
- Audience participation: Scribes will write their responses on the easel pad.
    1. What are your wants for a Cornish Library?  
What are your needs for a Cornish Library?
    2. Are there things you would like to change about the library?  
Are there things you'd never like to see change about the library?

3. What information do you need to make a decision as to whether the Cornish Library remains at the Stowell Library building or moves to the store building?

Members of the audience ranked the issue using 2 red and 2 green dots. Red for the issues given the highest priority and the green on those that are important but not the highest priority.

Dot assigning started at 3:17 pm.

See ranked responses attached.

The audience was asked if it had further questions and for its thoughts on the best way to disseminate information.

Gwyn thanked the public for coming and caring about the future of the Cornish Library with an additional thank you to Sandy Guest and the Friends of the Library for providing refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Chandler

## ATTACHMENTS;

### **Kathi Patterson's presentation:**

My presentation gives the background information for the current Stowell Library - the statistics and deficits, the architectural journey, and the results of the September 2018 Library Forum.

#### **Statistics for the current library building:**

- The building is over 100 years old.
- It shares a 0.14-acre lot with the Cornish Historical Society.
- A renovation in 1976 added attic insulation; removed a wall in the children's area; and added paneling, fluorescent lights, a suspended ceiling, and a composting toilet in the basement.
- Parking for employees and patrons is along School Street.
- There are no marked handicapped parking spaces.
- The main floor has @1,050 square feet of space.
- There are 1,011 linear feet of shelving on that level.
- Access to the basement is by steep, narrow stairs.
- The bathroom (a composting toilet) is in the basement.
- Table space is limited to a child-height table and a small table for adults.
- There are six adult chairs and four child-sized chairs.
- There is one computer station for public use.

#### **Deficits of the current building**

- There is no handicap access, no running water, and no modern bathroom.
- Limited space means books must be discarded when new books are added to the collection.
- Lack of handicap access, physical space, and running water limit on-site library programming.
- Convenient access to library materials is lost with off-site programming.
- There is no off-street parking.

#### **The September 2018 Public Forum**

The library trustees held a public forum in 2018. Attendees developed lists relating to Library Resources, Library Services, and the Library Facility. They then ranked the items on the lists using colored dots to select the ones that were their highest priority (4 green dots at 1 point each) and items that were important but not their highest priority (4 yellow dots worth .5 points each). The trustees tabulated the votes and used the rankings as a guide for what the community wanted from their library. The items receiving the most votes in each category and the trustees' responses are listed below.

#### **Resources**

(6) Increase library budget -

The library budget was increased with more open hours, more librarian hours, more library aide hours, higher hourly pay rates, and the addition of a Technology line item to support automation and OverDrive expenses.

(3.5) Automate library systems -

The library was automated in the fall of 2020 with KOHA.

(2) Research what other library budgets are (from similar sized towns) and increase our budget accordingly -

The NH State Library Statistics report for 2019 showed the library's budget was the lowest budget and received the lowest per capita support from local revenue (property taxes) at \$12.46. The budget has increased, but, the library still has the lowest per capita support for its budget at \$16.17 in 2021.

## Services

(4.5) Afternoon hours (starting at 1:00) 1 day/week -

Afternoon hours were added on Tuesdays, morning hours were added on Thursdays, and Saturday hours were increased from 9am-1pm for a total of 15 hours.

(2.5) Post new titles (short list) on ConnectCornish, link to website for full list -

New titles are published in the librarian's monthly newsletter that is emailed to library patrons. A short list of new titles and a link to the newsletters are posted in ConnectCornish.

(2.5) Adult game day -

The trustees determined that there was no appropriate space in the library for this type of program.

(2) Publicize trustee meetings as open to public -

Library Trustee meetings are publicized as open to the public. They are warned with notices posted at the library, at the general store, on the library's web page, and in ConnectCornish.

(A follow-up item) Consider a 2-week circulation period instead of the current 4-week period

The trustees considered reducing the circulation period but decided that the current 4-week period should not be reduced.

## Facility

(9.5 votes) Create accessible entrance

(9.5 votes) Build addition to join library and historical society buildings to include research space, restrooms, book shelves

(5.5 votes) Bathroom with water

These 3 items were combined for the 2019 architectural study. An architect was hired to draw up plans for an accessible entrance that included an addition to address all of the requests even though there was no land for water and septic.

(3 votes) Merge with School Library -

The trustees determined this would not be feasible due to limited space for the library's collection and lack of public access during the school day.

(A follow-up item) Look into better parking options –

An opinion from the NH Municipal Association states that the Selectboard regulates parking within the Town's right-of-way so it is a Selectboard decision.



## **The Trustees' Architectural Journey**

### **January 8, 2018 -**

The trustees discussed handicap access and reviewed notes from previous meeting minutes on this topic. They met with the Historical Society president and the Selectboard to express their interest in creating handicap access to the library. A plan was created to move the project forward despite the fact that there was no money and no land available for a well and septic system.

### **October 8, 2018 -**

The trustees hired UK Architects of Hanover who was willing to wait for payment until after the 2019 Town Meeting.

### **March 12, 2019 -**

The warrant article asking for an appropriation of \$12,500 to pay for an architectural study was passed. UK Architects was hired to develop a plan for handicapped accessible building entrances to both buildings and space for bathrooms and a research room.

### **July 25, 2019 -**

Chris Kennedy and his helpers took measurements inside and outside the two buildings. Their design would use the land between the two buildings and would include space for one bathroom with a composting toilet. \$4,737 was spent for their concept plans. \$7,763 was returned to the Town.

### **September 06, 2019 -**

Chris Kennedy presented his concept plans at a public meeting. The plans required the raising of the CHS building floor by 2 ½" inches to meet building code requirements. The trustees decided that they needed to find answers to the water and sewer question before making any further plans.

### **August 7, 2020 -**

The Newton family offered to sell the Town the land necessary for a well, septic system, and a right-of-way access for maintenance. The trustees hired Tom Dombroski to complete a design and tell them how much land would be needed. He calculated 0.11 acres.

### **April 15, 2021 -**

The annexation plan for 0.11 acres was brought before the Cornish Planning Board who reduced the size to 0.09 acres to meet the requirements for Village Zoning lots. They then approved the annexation, and the plan was filed with the Registrar of Deeds.

### **February 22, 2021 -**

The \$6,500 for the land purchase was donated to the library by the Patterson Family Trust. Because land purchases by the Town needs voter approval, the purchase was put on hold until the March 2022 Town Meeting. The trustees placed the accessibility renovations on hold, too. Kathi Patterson suggested that the trustees should research the use of the former General Store building as a library.

### **May 24, 2021 -**

After a library patron mentioned this same idea at a trustee meeting, the trustees voted to approach Colleen O'Neill about the possibility of moving the library to the store. She generously offered to donate the building after that meeting and sent a letter to be read describing the donation at Town Meeting.

### **June 8, 2021 - Town Meeting Day**

Caroline Storrs reads Colleen's letter.

## Laura Cousineau's Presentation

At that town meeting, the Select Board members and all present rose to give a standing ovation. The Selectmen decided to form an Exploratory Committee, whose charge is:

[Dylan reads the charge]

30+ citizens expressed interest in serving, and the Select Board chose seven:

- Dillon Gallaher, Selectman
- Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer
- Kathi Patterson and Laura Cousineau (chair), Library Trustees
- Caroline Storrs
- Susan Chandler
- Larry Dingee

Meetings began in July 2021. During that time, your Exploratory Committee has worked together and in subcommittees. Our activities include:

- Working with the town counsel (attorney) to understand legal aspects of a move to a new building
- Studying needs for new spaces for a 21<sup>st</sup> century library and conveying those needs to the architects
- Hiring Banwell Architects to design and complete drawings for the interior and exterior spaces of the former general store building
  - Soliciting and keeping records of all related public comment
  - Studying the concept of a library as a community center and collecting policies from libraries with spaces for community activities
  - Working to present the community with information on operating costs for the new library, for the Stowell Library, and for a renovated Stowell Library
  - Working with the MA+KE architects to see what improvements to the current library are possible and the costs of those renovations
  - Getting estimates on furnishing costs ("soft costs") for both the new library and a renovated Stowell Library
  - Developing a list of benefits and concerns for both the new library and a renovation of the current library
  - Hiring a library ADA consultant to evaluate the current library building and make suggestion for making that building accessible

We will be holding two more open forums, one to present the plans for the new building, and the other to present the plans for renovation of the current building. In doing this, we hope to present you with information to make an informed decision on whether or not you wish our Select Board to accept the gift of the new building as our new Cornish library building. We hope that you will consider this information not only in the light of your own personal needs, but also in light of what is best for your neighbors, and for the vitality of our Cornish community.



Since the committee was formed, our donor, Colleen O'Neil, has been working with us, making changes to the donation in response to our concerns. Starting with donating space, she is now offering the entire building, completely renovated as a contemporary, 21st century library. She will tell you more about how that will be accomplished.

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### **Dillon Gallagher's reading of the charge from the Selectboard:**

Cornish Library Exploratory Committee Charge  
3/14/2022

The committee shall be appointed by the Selectmen. The committee will be composed of seven members: a Selectman, two members of the Library Board of Trustees, and four Cornish resident volunteers.

This committee is temporary and will expire on or before Town Meeting 2023.

The committee shall be charged with conducting a feasibility and advisability study of relocating the Cornish Library (G. H. Stowell Free Library) to the Cornish General Store building. As part of an appointed Town committee, members shall represent the citizens of Cornish to the best of their abilities. The committee shall consider all relevant factors including, but not limited to: financial and operational impacts, practicality, other impacts to the Town, timeframe, and expected benefits or liabilities to the Cornish community.

The committee shall create a written report which will make a recommendation regarding the relocation

of the Cornish Library. The report will be submitted to the Selectmen and will be made available to the

public.

The committee may create sub-committees which will be led by committee members.

The committee may establish meeting rules and practices, but the committee and any sub-committee

shall comply with New Hampshire RSA 91-A, Access to Governmental Records and Meetings.

Dillon Gallagher

Frank Parks

John Hammond

### **Colleen O'Neill's presentation:**

CORNISH LIBRARY FORUM, 7/23/2022

Message from Colleen O'Neill, owner of Cornish General Store

Good afternoon! I want to express my gratitude to the Library Exploratory Committee members for all their work this past year. And I want to thank everyone here today for taking the time to learn more about this project.

I also want to make it clear that the suggestion to move the library to the Cornish Store Building was not mine. As has been noted, the Library Trustees approached me back in May of last year. When we met at the store and I heard about the issues at the Stowell Library, it made sense to consider the possibility of making the store into a library. It also made sense, to me, to offer the building as a donation to enable this project to move forward.

Last Fall, as the committee met, the direction for the store donation changed. My accountant suggested that rather than donate the building directly to the town, it would make better sense to PLEDGE the building to a non-profit group, contingent on successful fund raising for renovations. This would allow me to maintain the store building and rentals during a fund raising campaign. Then, when the funds were in hand, I would turn over the property to the non-profit which would then manage the renovation. At project completion, the non-profit group would present a gift to the town — a new library and community center with no cost to the Town to acquire the real estate and no cost to renovate the building.

By the way, the property donation would include the green, grassy, triangle space in front of the store. Many people actually think the town owns that land. Right now, it does not.

You will learn that a vote will be required at the 2023 Town Meeting to determine the future of our public library. Voters may be asked if they are in favor of authorizing the select board to accept a future gift of a renovated Cornish Library and Community Center on Route 120. No fund raising can begin until this project is given a green light. If the community rejects this idea, I will make other plans for the building and will likely put it on the market.

A new non-profit organization called the Cornish Community Initiative (CCI) is forming. We have an active board of directors and the pro bono assistance of attorney Alyssa Chandler for our 501c3 designation. The board has been meeting for months and we already have our NH Non-Profit status.

The CCI is excited to report that even before any fund raising has taken place, three remarkable pledges have been made. One donor has offered \$32,000! Another has pledged \$100,000! And Laird Klingler, a retired Princeton Librarian, has offered a gift of appreciated stock valued at \$375,000! This brings us to more than \$500,000 in pledges before any official campaign. It is likely our fund raising goal will be close to \$2M.

The CCI would only raise funds for a library renovation at the store. The donors who have already offered pledges are also only interested in seeing a Library and Community Center at the store. The CCI would not get involved in fund raising for a Stowell renovation.

It is very exciting to imagine the possibility of seeing a new Cornish Library and Community Center, well-placed on Route 120, in Cornish Flat. The architect plans include a generous community space and retention of the commercial kitchen. Location, ample parking, and a single level for library services provide great benefits. This library project feels like one of those “once in a lifetime” opportunities. I have seen other times when this community has adapted to changing needs. Years ago, George Edson drove around town with a model of the new Cornish School Gym. Our town offices moved from School Street to Town House Road. The fire station in the Flat was rebuilt, we added a police station here across the road, and we have the new Fred and Shirley Sullivan Pavillon at the Fairgrounds. Cornish has found creative ways to adapt, update, and modernize.

I know that change can be challenging. I also know that when it's time to think about change, we do it carefully and deliberately. I hope you will consider the possibility of a

new asset in town that could serve us all and be a rich resource that builds and strengthens our community. Please give it your full consideration as you learn more about the project this year. We are lucky, indeed, to have new prospects. Thank you for your time today

## **Heidi Jaarsma's presentation:**

Gifts to towns and libraries acquired by donation.

NH state statute allows towns and cities to accept gifts made for public purposes. Examples of public purposes could be gifts made to benefit schools, parks, cemeteries, and – the reason we are all here – libraries.

In fact, there are special provisions in the law that apply to libraries acquired by donation. A library acquired by donation cannot be discontinued. A town couldn't, for example, accept a building donated as a library and decide in a year or two that the building would make a much better town clerk's office than a library. Donated libraries are forever, and the acceptance of a library by donation should be undertaken with that consideration.

There is one "out" available to towns. Should a town want to discontinue a donated a library, it could petition the NH courts, with the NH Department of Justice acting as a party to the court proceeding. Needless to say, this petition would stand little chance of succeeding unless the town could show that it would be impracticable or impossible for the building to continue to serve as a library.

Libraries and their stipulations. I'd like to spend a few minutes talking about how the G.H. Stowell Free Library was acquired by donation before we get to the proposal currently before the Town. George H. Stowell, who grew up in Cornish and made his fortune in the lumber and coal business in Claremont, made an offer to the town in 1910. He would pay all the costs for the construction and furnishing of a library if the town FIRST provided a piece of land on which to build that library. and SECOND the town would raise money yearly thereafter to support the library. The gift and its conditions were laid out in a warrant article, which the town approved at the 1910 town meeting. The approval of that warrant article constituted an agreement between the donor, Mr. Stowell, and the Town. He would give the building and furnish it, and the town would meet the two conditions, or stipulations, of the gift, providing land and funding the library thereafter. The town acquired the land on School Street in 1910, so – check – that condition was met. The Stowell Library construction was completed in 1912, and the town has raised funds in support of the library every year since. So, to date we have met both the conditions of the gift. If the town were to breach the terms of the Stowell gift – for example if didn't vote to fund the library at town meeting – the Charitable Trusts Unit of the NH DOJ could eventually become involved.

Colleen's offer, through the Cornish Community Initiative, of a building to serve as a library would follow a very similar path to acceptance. The CCI would raise money for and oversee the renovation of the General Store into a library and then would donate the completed library to the town as long as the town met the several conditions, or stipulations, which Colleen outlined in her letter. FIRST, the town must accept the completed building. SECOND, the library must be open a minimum of 15 hours/week. THIRD, the library will serve as a community center during and outside regular hours available for meetings, events, and gatherings with priority given to groups in Cornish, Plainfield, and Sullivan County. FOURTH, Cornish Aging in Place will be allowed to store their equipment in the basement as long as that space is not required for another purpose. FIFTH, the town will be responsible for all costs going forward associated with the operation of the library and community center. And SIXTH, furnishings for the new library are not included.

Just like in 1910, the town will be presented with a warrant article which would lay out the library donation from the CCI and the six stipulations we just went over. And, just like in 1910, approval of that warrant article would constitute an agreement between the Town and the CCI where both sides would need to meet their obligations. So long as the CCI is able to raise the funds and renovate the building to be a library by an as yet to be determined date, the town must accept the building and meet the remaining stipulations of the gift going forward.

And, should the town accept the donation of the renovated general store building, the same rules about donated libraries would apply. The conditions of the gift are in effect for perpetuity and cannot be undone without court action and the support of the NH DOJ.

Conclusion Acceptance of the proposed library donation will be a town meeting vote. Should we accept a new library building, it is likely that the town would petition the court to discontinue the Stowell Library. It is really striking when you read old town warrants that the way we do the town's business has not changed very much over the past 250 or so years. You, the voters of the town, are the legislators of the Town of Cornish. You are the decision makers. Our committee will be making a recommendation, but the choice regarding the library is ultimately yours

### **Caroline Storrs' presentation:**

In July of 2021, the Interior/Exterior Subcommittee was established by the Library Exploratory Committee to look at the feasibility of moving the present Cornish Library into the "old store" in the Flat and specifically addressing the interior/exterior space of the new building. The subcommittee was comprised of 6 members: Kathi Patterson, Stephanie McAndrews, Carla Boyington (all 3 being past or present librarians), Susan Chandler, David Aquiar, and Caroline Storrs as chairperson. The committee first established its goals which were to: 1. Articulate what a 21st century library should look like 2. Create a list of wants and needs for a future Cornish Library 3. Create a process to have those ideals articulated in a schematic design that would establish a general scope of work to be completed and a conceptual design which could be presented to the voters in March. After much discussion, especially relying on Carla's, Kathi's, and Stephanie's input, a list was constructed of what deficits needed to be addressed from the George Stowell Library and what "needs" libraries are addressing today in the 21st century. The subcommittee then contacted Miles Stetson of Engineering Ventures of Lebanon, NH to evaluate the present load and use of the old store building and were there any structural concerns if the use was changed to a library. We also were interested in any Life Safety concerns that he thought might need to be addressed. The report was completed and is on the library town website. In August of 2021, the subcommittee developed a RFQ, a Response for Qualifications, which would gather the following information: 1) an architectural firm's past experience with libraries, 2) their experience with Adaptive Rules, 3) their experience with the process for getting approval at Town Meeting, 4) their capacity to meet project schedules, 5) their description of Project Design Process which includes schematic design and initial cost estimates and 5) their design of the final phase before vote at Town Meeting. We sent out 6 RFQ's and received back three. The 3 who were interested in responding were: Ingrid Nichols/Jeremiah Goulet from Banwell Architects of Lebanon, NH, Chris Kennedy from MA&KE of Hanover NH, who had also had done the original schematic plans for the trustees in 2019, and SMP based in Concord NH who came through Stephanie McAndrews who understood that they were the architects for the renovation of the library in downtown Lebanon, NH. The larger Exploratory Committee, as well as many from the public, attended the presentation of all 3 architects which was held at the Cornish Country Store in the Flat. The Exploratory Committee unanimously voted to select Banwell Architects as its chosen architect. The attending public was polled and were in agreement as well. Banwell Architectural firm was contacted in November of 2021 and has completed Final Schematic Design plans with an initial construction cost estimate. The project proposal is also on the library town website. With the discussion at the Town Meeting in March of 2022, it was voted to dedicate money to be spent to revisit the existing George Stowell Library plan now that there has been a new land acquisition which will make possible a well and septic system so that water and toilet facilities

become feasible. This would allow a more comprehensive comparative analysis between a future library in the “old store” and the existing George Stowell Library. The same process as mentioned above is being followed when looking at the existing George Stowell Library except that Chris Kennedy, who is the leading architect for the George Stowell Library project, was chosen by the Selectboard. MA&KE is following the same Scope of Services with the first action being the acquisition from the library subcommittee of a list of wants and needs, then creating a preliminary conceptual schematic design, and then the final schematic design with cost estimate created by the same estimator, Trumbull Nelson, used for the “store renovation” so we are comparing apples to apples, when voters make their preference known at the March meeting. The interior/exterior committee met its goals of articulating a list of what a future library in Cornish should and might look like in the future to better serve the Cornish residents. Our purpose today is to take your input that you provide us and share it with the two architectural firms, Banwell and MA&KE. We are excited by this vision that hopefully will better serve those to come for the next one hundred years.

## **Public Forum Ranked Responses:**

Public Forum  
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Ranked Responses

### **WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS AND WANTS FOR THE CORNISH LIBRARY?**

#### NEEDS:

9.5 Place for human interaction- a gathering place to share skills

- 8 More space for programming
- 7.5 A building for the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- 6.5 Primary focus on books – building literacy
- 6 More space for books
- 6 ADA accessible
- 5.5 Adequate meeting space
- 3.5 Running water
- 3 Children’s programming
- 2.5 More computers (from 3-8)
- 1.5 Presentation area with tech
- 1.5 20 parking spaces
- 1 High speed internet
- 1 Cooling/heating
- .5 More programming for adults
- .5 Welcome space for teens
- .5 Research spot
- .5 Fireproof space for historical references
- .5 Maximize shelving
- Staff workshop
- Need for battery backup for citizens
- Funding
- Keep educating the public

WANTS:

- 3 Solar (renewable energy) battery backup
- 3 Library of things (Tool Library)
- 2.5 Building be an example of energy efficiency—use energy efficiency as a teaching tool
- 1.5 Outside gathering space with play structure
- 1.5 Cooking facilities
- 1 Welcoming space for everyone (teens, everyone)
- 1 Library signage and visibility
- .5 Child friendly bathrooms
- .5 Space for sharing music and skills etc.
- .5 Electric vehicle charging station
- Independent website
- Place to hangout and chat
- Computer terminals to help seniors learn computer skills
- Space for senior programming
- Continuation of space for Aging in Place
- Lift for Aging in Place equipment and accessibility
- Board games for checkout
- Words on Wheels – delivery and/or pickup
- Community passes (e.g., Montshire)
- Expand Historical Society into Stowell

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE OR NEVER CHANGE ABOUT THE LIBRARY?**

CHANGE:

- 5.5 Increase space
- 1.5 More books (including donations)
- 1.5 More non fiction and biographies
- 1 Better air quality
- .5 More hours
- Location for better visibility
- More databases
- Subscription to Ancestry.com

**NEVER CHANGE:**

- Don't light up the whole world with outside lights
- The present librarian (Keep her!)
- The toy section and borrow backpacks (increase, if possible)

**WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE CORNISH LIBRARY REMAINS AT THE STOWELL BUILDING OR MOVES TO THE STORE BUILDING?**

- 1 Very accurate estimates of each project – operating, furnishing and building costs
  - Expenses that may go up with increases in programming (realistic costs)
  - Timeline of projects
  - List of programming options of each building
  - List of projected revenue stream, expenses, cash flow
  - Create an endowment for people to contribute to
  - Concise, succinct list of costs—get to the bottom line and distribute before meetings
  - Maintenance costs of everything
  - Show tax impact of taking the property off the tax rolls