

Stowell Library Trustee Minutes (with LEC)
Cornish Town Offices
19 July 2022

Members Present: Heidi Jaarsma (Acting Chair), Sue Chandler, Kathi Patterson (Library Trustee), Larry Dingee, Dillon Gallagher, Caroline Storrs

Members Absent: Laura Cousineau (Library Trustee)

Citizens Present: Leigh Callahan, Keith Mullane, Colleen O'Neill, Bill Gallagher, Heather Gallagher, Marie DeRusha, Sandy Guest, Sandy Carpentier, Al Rossow, Gwyn Gallagher

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Heidi Jaarsma opened the meeting introducing herself as acting chair since Laura was unable to attend the meeting.

The minutes were corrected: In paragraph #5 collaborate should read as collaborative, paragraph #7 designed should read as design, and that Heidi should read as Heidi Jaarsma. The minutes were moved by Kathi and seconded by Sue and approved by consent.

Heidi gave a report on the survey which at that point had received 157 responses and will be open until July 26th. Nancy Newbold will be passing out paper surveys at Willing Hands and surveys will also be passed out at the Recycling Center. By the next meeting, August 16th, a tabulation will be done by the survey committee.

Next on the agenda was a work session to finalize the Forum on Saturday, July 20, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Town Hall. Sue said the purpose is to disseminate information with a brief introduction of how we got to where we are now. Kathi will read Laura's report if she is not able to attend and the first part of the forum remains the same as suggested last month except Kathi will come first defining the deficits, the previous forum, and the previous (2019) plans. Gwyn suggested a question time after the presentations before getting to the prepared questions. There was discussion of this suggestion and a vote was taken (3-3) and so it was decided that a question section could be added after the background presentations as long as it was only a clarifying question and not a debate or opinion observation.

Kathi's presentation will be a power point facilitated by Heidi. The committee will be seated at the front of the Hall. Gwyn also will be at the front of the Hall. Gwyn will take questions one at a time and will direct answer to questions from the proper committee person. There will be two easels for scribes to write down input from community. Community members will be given 4 dots (2 red and 2

green) and will be directed to put 2 red dots on their most important thought identified and 2 green dots on a somewhat important thought identified. Gwyn will gather the group together to instruct everyone where people could send any other thoughts or suggestions to the Exploratory Committee and also instruct people where they might find more information on questions that they might have after the meeting (the Cornish website). Refreshments will be served.

Heidi said that for the upcoming August 16th meeting, the survey subcommittee will be giving the results. Caroline also mentioned that next on the calendar was to gather the operating costs estimate from MAKE and Banwell and the projected maintenance schedule for each location. Caroline will be contacting Banwell and Larry will be contacting MAKE and both are to feel out the architectural firms for the next forum(s) which will be in mid or late September to present their vision of each proposal to the public. It was originally planned for a Tuesday evening presentation and will need to be finalized so a mailing can be sent as was done for this July forum.

Caroline raised the point that the expected parking plan from MAKE will need to be organized so as to inform those affected by the change as recommended by Chris Kennedy of MAKE, but Dilly, representing the Selectboard, said that if parking was in the town's right-of-way, then no notification or discussion is necessary.

Dillon made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Larry at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Patterson, Recorder