

STOWELL LIBRARY HANDICAP ACCESS UPDATE

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The G.H. Stowell Library trustees have made progress toward providing water, sewer, and handicap access for the library.

Step 1- The owner of the land adjacent to the library has agreed to sell us the necessary piece of land for our septic system.

Step 2 - We researched the placement of a well but discovered that we need to determine where the septic system will be placed first as there are distance requirements.

Step 3 – We contacted the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for help determining the size of the septic system. We learned we needed to choose from any designer on their list of registered septic designers to have them design the system, submit their design to the NHDES, and have it approved. Once the system design has been approved, we could then choose a registered builder to build the system. We contacted the Cornish Selectmen with a list of names and phone numbers, but COVID-19 hit. Since then, one of these designers has returned the selectmen's phone messages.

Step 4 – This registered designer stated that he would need permission from the current landowner to do a test pit so he could determine the design. The landowner has agreed to the dig.

Step 5 – Once the test pit is dug, the resulting design will guide the amount of land needed. We can then negotiate a purchase price with the landowner. There may be subdivision requirements.

Step 6 – We received a generous donation from the Meyeete family at the March Town Meeting. The monies from this donation will be used to pay for the septic pit dig, the design, the land purchase, and the system build.

Step 7 – Once the land belongs to the Town, we will choose a local contractor who is approved by the NHDES to install the system. We may have to put the build out for bids.

Step 8 - Guided by the placement of the septic system, we will then need to choose a location for, a contractor for, and install our well. Completion of this step depends on how much is left of the Meyeete donation after steps 5 through step 7 have been completed. We may need to raise and appropriate funds from the library's capital reserve fund at the 2021 Town Meeting for the drilling of said well.