

**Cornish Library Exploratory Committee
Meeting
18 October 2022
Minutes - DRAFT**

Present

Committee Members: Laura Cousineau, Susan Chambers, Larry Dingee, Dillon Gallagher, Heidi Jaarsma, Kathi Patterson, Caroline Storrs

Citizens: Marie De Rusha, Jill Edson, Stephanie MacAndrew, Ken Mullane, Colleen O'Neill

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. The approval of minutes of the minutes of the previous meeting was postponed until the next meeting. Action: Cousineau will send out the minutes for review. Action: Storrs will contact the creators of the architect open forum videos about their publication date.

3. Community Center Subcommittee Report. Cousineau read and reviewed the report and accompanying documents (attached) concerning the concept and policies of a library as a community center. Action: Cousineau will add the hours that the libraries listed in the "Library Community Room Benchmarking Visits and Calls" are open.

4. Town Buildings Report. Jaarsma distributed and reviewed her document on community facilities available in Cornish. Action: Larry will gather statistics for the Fire Department building so that they can be added to the list. Storrs also prepared a document. Action: Storrs and Jaarsma will meet combine/merge their documents. This new document will serve as an appendix to the Final Report.

5. Final Report. Cousineau reviewed the first draft of the Final Report, including a Quantitative Comparison Chart and a Narrative Comparative Analysis.
 - a. Jaarsma motioned and Dingee seconded: **To ask MA+KE to give an estimate of renovating only the 1st floor of the Stowell Library.** Discussion followed. As consensus was not reached, a vote was taken. **The motion failed.** The comparison for the report will be the Phase One plans as developed and presented by the architects.
 - b. Discussion of the relative moving costs for the two plans. Action: Gallagher will get moving costs for both options. This information can be added to either table as appropriate.

- c. Discussion concerning cost for flood plain mitigation being included in the report. Storrs referred to statement in the Banwell report. Action: Jaarsma will provide latest flood plain report as an appendix for the final report.

Writing the Recommendation

6. Work before next meeting. In addition to the actions meeting above, each committee members will review the charts and final report and send any proposed changes and additions to Cousineau prior to the next meeting. Each member is asked to think about and write a final paragraph for the "Recommendation" section of the report.
7. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, at 6:30 pm. If necessary, another meeting will be held the Tuesday, November 1. The report will be presented to the Select Board on Monday, November 7.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Cousineau