

Town of Newington
Library Renovations/Addition Project Building Committee
February 7, 2017
Lienhard Room – Lucy Robbins Welles Library
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson, Newell Stamm, Jr., at 7:04 PM.
- II. Roll Call -Members present: Newell Stamm, Jr., Chairperson, Laurel Goodgion; Maureen Lyons and LeeAnn Manke. Others present: Lisa Masten, Library Director
- III. Public Participation – Town resident, Tom Normandy introduced himself as an interested and avid Library user.
- IV. There was no approval of the previous minutes as there was a question as to whether or not this group constituted a quorum.
- V. Review and Discuss Feasibility Study
 - a. LeeAnn did some brainstorming with some friends in the construction industry regarding keeping all of our current building and basically adding the anticipated needed square footage as described in our most recent feasibility study and forecast use. This information is based on several assumptions and it uses information from other library projects to make some generalizations, inputting the data into estimation software. This is just a quick and dirty number, but she thought it might be helpful as we evaluate all of our options and look to accommodating the library's current and future needs while doing so in a financially responsible manner.

The resulting estimate is strictly for the estimated addition portion (12,850 sq. ft.). The estimate is in the amount of \$3,381,631. It does NOT account for any new systems to replace the existing. It does NOT include any renovation costs for the current building. It does NOT include parking.

Please note: No specific information regarding our project and study was shared.

This space would not be as versatile as previously discussed scenarios.

- b. The task at tonight's meeting included review of three different tables with various square footage scenarios gleaned from previous meetings. Matching current space deficiencies against forecasted square footage as well as the following three items were paramount to the discussion: Explanation and rationale for existing square footage, new square footage, and items not requiring specific square footage, such as lighting, wiring, parking, etc. These items are related to overall design. We reviewed and discussed each item and consolidated and added as necessary. Newell will develop a new table to present to Library Development Solutions. The table will list square footage and have notes to justify each item.
- VI. Public Participation- Tom Normandy is a frequent user of the Library. He commented that he would like to see more comfortable seating for adults who are using the Library for leisure reading. The present seating is awkward; it is too close together and there is no privacy. In a discussion about changing the way patrons might use the Library, Newell mentioned that perhaps an app could be developed in conjunction with the Library's catalog. Tom thought this was a good idea and said he would use it. The result would be that you can come into the Library and go straight to the sections(s) where your desired reading material was.

Newell thanked Tom for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen O'Connor Lyons
Library Renovations/Addition Project Building Committee member