

## **LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

### Committee Members:

Jim Morelli, Jr., Chair  
Mary Baker  
Severino Bovino  
Paul Champagne, Vice Chair  
Mark Lovley  
Paul Mazzaccaro  
Brian Oblon  
Mark Sciota or designee  
Jeff Swain  
Robert Tonon  
Ralph Warner

### Ex-Officio Members:

Kristi Sadowski, Library Director  
Architect Rep.,  
Jim Barrett and Team  
Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc.  
Construction Manager Rep.,  
Christine Longo, Construction Manager  
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Southington Public Library – 255 Main St.

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Morelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

The following participated: Chair Jim Morelli, Jr., Kristi Sadowski, Mary Baker, Severino Bovino, Brian Oblon, Vice-Chair Paul Champagne, Paul Mazzaccaro, Jeff Swain, Robert Tonon, Ralph Warner, Annette Turnquist.

Absent: Mark Sciota, Mark Lovley

### 3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes on April 20, 2022.

Mr. Champagne motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes on April 20, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Warner and members present. There was one abstention.

### 4. Report of Construction Manager

There was no report.

## 5. Introduction of Architectural Representative

Chair Morelli introduced Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. as the architectural representative for the library project. Representatives from the firm were present and are as follows:

Jim Barrett, Principal  
Ken Best, Principal  
Ron Paolillo, Project Manager  
Angel Khazadian, Project Manager

Mr. Barrett said that the contract was mailed to the town manager's office to Kim's attention. It will be reviewed by the town attorney and the architect's attorney.

An overview of the phases of the project was discussed. Library Construction case study: Park Street Library @ the Lyric, Hartford session was referenced as a good example as library staff talked about their experiences with designing and building a new library from the ground up and the lessons they learned along the way. The inclusion of community and staff input in the design and how they worked with the architects to create a logical flow for patrons through spaces and departments was also discussed.

Chair Morelli said that Library Building Committee Meetings can be held once a month with architect and construction manager present to provide project updates. Chair Morelli will email a schedule to the committee members. Decisions will be made throughout the process when to schedule and sit in on working group meetings. Groups are two-fold with the library group and the building group. The groups have a clean slate to work with and Chair Morelli would like to see that the maximum use of space and money are at the forefront. Unique ideas (green friendly), vision for the future, plans for evolution, and modular flexibility are among the considerations for the project. Group meetings will be scheduled with the fire marshall and local agencies for input on issues that come up with the project. Breakout meetings will focus on what makes the most sense, top priorities, timelines and timely decisions, community input, and tasks at hand.

Mr. Oblon motioned to approve monthly meetings of the Library Building Committee one the first Wednesdays beginning on June 1, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Baker and accepted unanimously by members present.

Mr. Bovino asked about a timeframe for borings. There are soil issues currently. He would like it to be early in the process.

Mr. Barrett said that referring to past information will be a reference for the site and construction.

It was mentioned that recommendations to visit other libraries be part of the process to provide a narrower focus. Mr. Barrett will present options and photos.

Price and efficiency are key. Hallways can be eliminated so that there is useable square footage. Children and adult space are equal in square footage. Consideration is for children space to be on the ground floor. What works for library staff is paramount.

Ms. Sadowski will be creating a website that will include camera footage to document project progress.

6. Public Communications\*

Matt Laverin, Town of Southington resident, congratulated the team and gave kudos to firms involved with the library project. He is working with Whiting-Turner Contracting on a sustainability project.

7. Any Other Business

There was no Other Business.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Champagne made the motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Warner seconded the motion which passed unanimously by those present.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Dawn Guite*

Dawn Guite, Recording Secretary

*\*Remarks of any qualified elector or taxpayer (town resident over age 18) shall, in the discretion of the Chair, be limited to 3 minutes.*