

**Community Center/Library Building Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for Mon. July 11, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. in the upstairs room of the Town Hall. Mike, John, Paul, Audrey, and Rich were all present. Roger met with committee members in the parking lot after the meeting had adjourned (on his way home from work) and got updates on the meeting.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved by a unanimous vote.

Mike gave a report on the off-site meeting with Peter Stewart Associates, LLC (going forward, Peter), based in Laconia, NH and Hess Engineering and Construction Consultants based in Ashland, NH (going forward, Hess). Peter suggested that the first thing to complete is a land survey. Hess will complete the land survey before our next meeting on Aug. 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Once done Peter and Hess will address final placement of the building on the lot. Peter also suggested that we hire a construction manager as soon as possible to help with coordination of the overall project. Several names were mentioned and Mike will follow up and report at the next committee meeting. Several of the committee members were present during this off-site meeting on June 23rd and also discussed the possibility of moving the power pole currently located on the road side of the lot.

Audrey reported on progress of what to do with the old fire station building. There is a question about the roof which Paul will chase down prior to the next meeting. Paul believes that the building movers will have no problem with the narrow bridge or power lines crossing the road. Audrey had met with the Fire Chief and Chief Engineer and reported that they would like the building to go to the south westerly corner of the safety building.

The Select Board has signed a contract for architectural services with Peter and has signed a contract for civil engineering services with Hess. These costs will be subtracted from the \$115,000 that the town approved at the last town meeting.

Financing possibilities were brought up by John H. Paul said he had been in contact with grant organizations and that they all want the project approved by the town before they will entertain grant monies. Paul also reported looking into a USDA 30-year loan that might be available. Any information he acquires about that possibility will be given to John for review. John also suggested that we shop the loan when the time comes to at least three different lenders and all members agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audrey Johnson, Sec.