

## Minutes

Library Planning Committee – 10.19.17  
Town Building. BoS Room 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: T. Fay, L. Cavanaugh, S. Raymond, R. Sideman-Kurtz, T. White, C. Cipriani,, V. LaFarge, N. Gordon, D. Mark, T. Marsters, A. Knight, L. Lipcon, M. Cavanaugh  
Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

### Public Comment:

Mike Patterson: Build an addition to current library at a lower cost. The library needs to be “spruced up” Could use Millennium Fund and Draper Fund to do so. Could move ESOL and other programs out of the library creating more space inside and also in parking lot. Move freight shed to other side of Rt. 27. Reposition drainage pipe to alleviate flooding.

Mike Lowry: To release the library from the restrictions of the charitable trust would take legal action. BoS should pursue this now. Lea Anderson responded that The BoS has asked the LPC for a list of possible uses for the Roby portion of the library so that town counsel can weigh in.

Elisa Scola, chair of Wayland Historical Commission, says they have a need for display space/ exhibit for Wayland artifacts. Archaeology group would like space for storage and exhibits.

Historical Collection of books.

Nancy Boyle- Arts Wayland would like arts exhibit space. Would like to see history, arts, demonstrations, workshops and exhibits.

Tom Sciacca: The wetlands can not be drained. He noted we have a Supreme Court because laws and regulations have to be reinterpreted over time. Likewise, there is a need to reinterpret the definition of Library. He offered the American Library Association definition: “A library is a collection of resources in a variety of formats that is (1) organized by information professionals or other experts who (2) provide convenient physical, digital, bibliographic, or intellectual access and (3) offer targeted services and programs (4) with the mission of educating, informing, or entertaining a variety of audiences (5) and the goal of stimulating individual learning and advancing society as a whole.”

Alice Boelter: If all these organizations have space at 5 Concord Rd., who is going to absorb the cost of putting these new uses into the current building?

Minutes of the last meeting on September 18, 2017 were accepted.

Tom Fay: The Roby portion of the library was built in 1900 when population of Wayland was 2000. There was a modest addition in 1988. Population today is at 14,500. The Library Planning Committee have strong affection for the 5 Concord building and worked hard to see if the library program could possibly fit there. The LPC reviewed the Library's documents including the Long-Range Plan, it compared statistics, visited many libraries, researched trends, evaluated various parcels of land in town, went to town meeting where funds were granted for a thorough study. The hurdles to expand the current library at 5 Concord Road fall into 3 categories: 1. regulatory: Aquifer Protection Act (maximum coverage of impervious surface, 2. dimensional: set back constraints are very limiting, 3. access: enlarging building will increase traffic and exacerbate the already significant problems associated at this intersection and for entry and egress to the sight and parking.

Tom Fay turned the meeting over to Vicki LaFarge who facilitated the discussion of possible uses for 5 Concord Rd should the library move to a new site at 195 Main St.

Judy Dion: asked if consideration had been given to having 2 branches— adults at 5 Concord Rd and children's services at new site.

Mary Kowalski: asked whether there could be daily papers and periodicals in a reading room and also meeting space for ESOL and others. Noted that there is a good deal of foot traffic coming from new town center.

Tom Sciacca: Books are not what a library is about. It's about programming, meeting space, organized information. For him "library" overlaps heavily with notion of museum, displays about the environment, river exhibits, and Wayland's history.

Many expressed strong opinion that 5 Concord Rd. is Wayland's iconic building and want to see it remain open and welcoming to the public.

Rail trail will offer increased foot traffic to the building.

Molly Upton: Wayland is already a bifurcated town. The library is the one place we all come together. Doesn't want to lose that. Does not want to see 33,000 sq. ft. Wants a small, cozy place for townspeople to gather.

Anette Lewis: No matter what you do at 5 Concord Rd., you need to tell the townspeople what the maintenance and management costs of the building are.

Tom Sciacca: Speaking as a member of the Energy/ Climate Committee, he noted that there have been alterations and more could be made to reduce maintenance costs.

Other comments: Want a space where we can walk in and out. Municipal offices. Maker space, Changing exhibits: residents' artifacts, Native American history, Wayland history. It was noted that Historical Society and Arts Wayland are not town organizations and it was suggested that they pay rent. It was then noted that it was the Historical Commission that spoke and it is a Town Board.

It was suggested a cultural center might get rent, grants, CPA funding, private funding. A member of the public stated she would like to see long-term agreements so this does not become an added tax burden.

When asked if development of condos would be an acceptable use, there was a decided response in the negative.

Very important that the use of the building be respectful of its nature and remain accessible to the townspeople.

Tom Fay thanked people for their participation and said there would be more opportunities to give input on future use of 5 Concord Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.