

**Wayland Free Public Library  
Library Planning Committee – BoLT in attendance  
Public Forum**

**Minutes of Meeting on February 7, 2018  
Large Hearing Room, Town Building**

**Present:** Lynne Cavanaugh, Christine Cipriani, Tom Fay, Ann Knight, Lynne Lipcon, Daryl Mark, Judy Dion Nicholson, Sandy Raymond, Rachel Sideman- Kurtz, Thom White, Maureen Cavanaugh  
Members of Library Trustees: Aida Gennis, Sally Cartwright, Leah Hart, Maureen White, Suzanne Woodruff, Mark Hughes  
Approximately 36 members of the public

This was a joint meeting with the Board of Library Trustees, followed by a public forum which began at 7:00 p.m. The Trustees and the LPC recorded separate minutes. Tom Fay and Aida Gennis co-chaired the meeting.

**1.** Aida Gennis introduced Elizabeth Saltonstall, Capital Campaign Consultant. ES will contact Library Trustees and members of the WPLC about ways of participating in the capital campaign.

**2. Call to Order of WPLC Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. by Tom Fay.  
Tom Fay requested public comment. None given.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the LPC meeting of January 16 were approved (with spelling changes)

**4. Upcoming public forums were announced:**

**March 8: 7:00 pm at the Large Hearing Room, Town Building**

**March 22: 7:00 pm at the Large Hearing Room, Town Building**

**March 24: 10:00 am at the Raytheon Room, Wayland Free Public Library**

**5. TF: Discussion of background to library proposal**

TF summarized previous examination concerning possible expansion at 5 Concord Road, the work of the Library Planning Committee, the current Library Planning Study which examined the current library building at 5 Concord Rd. and another site in town, work of WPLC, reasons for recommending that a new library be built, and the grant award from MBLC.

**6. Presentation by Chris Blessen (Tappe Architects) of proposed new library building**

A. CB summarized the results of surveys of Wayland residents about the library building and services. These surveys were conducted by the library and by Tappe Architects. There were high percentages of respondents to all surveys. Results focused on the need for more appealing spaces and for services for children.

B. CB discussed the role of libraries in contemporary society and results of research on

the relevance of libraries. This research emphasized the relevance of libraries in contemporary society and noted that they are vital as places of connection as well as information.

C. CB compared the size of Wayland Library and population to that of neighboring libraries and to the national standard matching square feet of library building with population figures

D. CB reported that the present design is preliminary and that it was updated in response to feedback to the initial design submitted in the grant application.

E. The design goal for the proposed building is for the most cost-effective sustainable energy solutions.

F. CB described each level of the proposed building and use of the spaces. He also showed artist sketches of various sections of the building.

G. Discussion of the need for a new library in terms of population use and of the benefits of the proposed location.

H. CB outlined costs of new building: 28.9 million (turn key cost), Grant: 10.1 million (3<sup>rd</sup> highest amount given by MBLC in this grant round), Trustees are committing \$750, 000; remainder: \$18 million is the cost to the town. The estimated cost per household is \$6.00 per week in the first year and declining in the years to follow. Future construction grant availability is unpredictable. There may not be another grant round.

The voting process for this project was explained:

1. There is a question on the ballot on March 27 which, if approved, will allow the town to pay for the project with a debt exclusion,  
And
2. If this vote passes, the new library article will be discussed at Annual Town Meeting. Funding for this article will require a 2/3 vote.

## **6. Questions, concerns and suggestions from public**

The following issues were raised:

- A. Why is a new library at 195 Main St. better than expanding at 5 Concord Rd.?
- B. The Energy Committee encouraged more discussion about the proposed new building and the energy efficient and sustainable design. The Energy Committee offered to work on presentation about this.
- C. There was encouragement to have PMBC and Energy Committee talk more about the building and how to communicate the design goals.
- D. What would the ongoing budget increases be for the proposed new building, including staff. There was encouragement to have a clear statement about all costs needed. (AG responded that she believes there would be need for 1.5 FTE, entailing more custodial care and a teen librarian position).
- E. Energy Committee has committed much time to developing energy solutions over the past 9 years, no costs were incurred to the Town.
- F. What are plans for 5 Concord Rd? Board of Selectmen have responsibility to determine this.

- G. What is current status of restrictions of library? Lee Anderson and TF responded. (Lee Anderson stated that Town Counsel sent a letter to the Attorney General to petition considering other uses for 5 Concord Rd. TF stated that the restriction does not apply to the 1988 addition and that the description of “library” has changed since the current building was constructed to meet the needs of the community; it is now very broad.)
- H. Important to think about and communicate with residents what the use of 5 Concord Rd. might be (TF responded that this was open to town wide input)
7. TF thanked members of the public for coming. AG encouraged people to check out Wayland Library Moving Forward and gave the dates of the next public forum and the “behind the scenes” tour of the present library. **8:30 pm Meeting ended.**

**Respectfully submitted/ Daryl Mark**

**Documents: Meeting Agenda**

**List of forum dates and FAQs**