

# **West Tisbury Library Building Committee Minutes 5/6/2010**

Present:

Committee members: Leah Smith, Peter Rodegast, Linda Hearn Mark Mazer, Paul Levine, Bob Schwartz, Tucker Hubbell.

Guests: Dan Waters, Richard Kugler, Ben Moore, Maggie Schwartz, Al DeVito, Beth Kramer, Ginny Jones, Nelia Decker

1. Beth welcomed everyone.
2. Peter regretfully tendered his resignation due to a possible conflict of interest down the road should his company wish to become involved in the project. He offered to be of help in some other way as the project progressed.
3. Dan and Ben presented a brief history of the library and its building projects. Dan went over the possibility of State funding and its impact on the project, including Chuck Hodgkinson's figures on the debt reduction and cost to the town over time. The grant application is due by August of 2010; if the grant money comes through along with other sources of funding (Foundation, Town funds) ground would be broken in the fall of 2013.
4. There was a discussion of officers. Leah Smith was elected Chair, Paul Levine was elected Vice Chair and Nelia Decker was elected as recording secretary with Beth Kramer as backup.
5. Discussion of the process of selecting OPM candidates from the 6 applicants that were received: Each firm was reviewed and the following were chosen to be interviewed: Architectural Consulting Group, LLC: Michael W. Josefek and Peter W. Koczera as principals, Netco Construction Project Managers with David C. Lager and Thomas Kondel as principals, and Reich with Bill Reich and Bill Baker as principals. It was noted that the Architectural Consulting Group was the OPM for the Town Hall. RF Walsh Collaborative Partners and Lincoln Consultants were rejected. Diversified Project Management was put off for the second round if one was needed. Beth/Nelia will set up appointments. May 20<sup>th</sup> was determined to be the best day for the group, 4 members being necessary for a quorum.
6. Discussion of public meeting law as it pertains to this committee: no decision making or important conversations outside this meeting, meetings need to be posted and the minutes need to be made available. The Selectmen at their next meeting will be deciding if the vacant position on the building committee needs to be re-advertised. If not, the Trustees may be able to recommend a suitable candidate to the selectmen.

7. Paul Levine offered to be the liaison from the Building Committee to the Foundation, Linda will be the liaison to the Trustees, Mark Mazer will act as liaison to the Historic District Commission, Beth will ask Suzi Wasserman if a Friend wants to attend the Building Committee meetings.
8. Discussion of the Gale Report and why that process failed to produce an expansion to the library: political, financial and architectural reasons.
9. Dan discussed the Wells property and how the acquisition would be advantageous to the Town. The value to the Town may well exceed the market value. Richard Kugler spoke about playing musical chairs: the police station could move into the Howes House, the Library could build a new building on the Wells property and the Howes House could move in the Library. Discussion pros and cons and the availability of CPA funds for the purchase of open land. Dan suggested creating a subcommittee. Leah said we would address this at our next meeting.
10. Tucker suggested keeping our meetings to one and a half hours. All concurred.
11. Next meeting will be for the interviews on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting after that will be on May 26 at 5:00 at the Library.