

**Library Board of Director's
Special Meeting Minutes
July 23rd, 2012**

Called to Order:

Meeting called to order: 6:20 p.m.

In attendance: Brosiuos; Federowicz; Keating; Joncyk.

Absent: O'Brien, McKinney.

Also in attendance: Higginson, Temple.

Audience of Citizens:

Dorothy DeBisschop
234 Chestnut Tree Hill Road
Oxford, CT

Dianne Martines
93 Trefoil Road
Oxford, CT

Grace Hanneken
34 Punkup Road
Oxford, CT

George Mitchell
11 Wychwood Lane
Oxford, CT

Barry Schiff
130 Country Club Drive
Oxford, CT

Lenny Alexander
25 Reality Road
Oxford, CT

Bob Farnum
16 Barry Road
Oxford, CT

Ed Gawitt
60 Bowers Hill Road
Oxford, CT

Al Kosa
15 White Gate Road
Oxford, CT

Discuss New Library:

Looking for vision of/for new library; fundraising for new library.

DeBishop: Asking for release of monies to purchase plans for library which will be viable for few years. How long before release of funds that it can be ready for referendum?

Martines: Would like Friends of Library, Library Board of Directors, Board of Selectmen, and staff of library on same page for new library. Friends will support campaign for library.

Mitchell: Current library inadequate.

Schiff: People of all ages in town need a new library; need to support the academic children as well as the athletic.

Alexander: Frustrated at the lack of progress of the new library. Politics should not be involved in library.

Farnum: Been long time going; time to take action.

Gawitt: Librarians getting paid at schools when no one is accessing them; need library open after school; will help with fundraising efforts.

Temple: Supports new library; does not want to propose library town can not afford; approximately 2 – 3.5 million for new library; have almost 1 million from Strong estate. Possible referendum on Election Day. Building Committee focus on what they want. Will release monies for architect. Thinks campaign for library before referendum would be beneficial. Leave library open for future expansion. Board of Selectmen will be notified on 7/30/12 by the Library Building Committee on what transpired/been decided. Will be setting date for Library Building Committee to meet with Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance in August to release monies for architect. Everything needed needs to be out to bid before referendum to have accurate assessment for new library.

Brocius: With architects design, have proposal/concept on CD to show/sell to possible supporters/donors.

Joncyk: Lots of good ideas. Also need the technicians/computer people with the academic going forward in the future tech society. Looking for timeline with specific developments between all the boards.

Kosa: Oxford House location would be too much traffic.

Discuss New Hours for Library:

Looking to keep library open 46 hours instead of coinciding with proposed Town Hall hours starting in September.

Library need to be open more than four days a week.

Can stay open late on Mondays just need to watch no one goes upstairs.

Adjournment:

Motion: Keating; Second: Federowicz.

Vote: 4-0.

Time: 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

K. Anderson-Solicito

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Shirley A. West
TOWN CLERK