

Mont Vernon Library Building Committee Minutes

February 7th, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Name	Role	Present
Bill McKinney	Chair	✓
Christine Hamilton	Member	✓
Mike Jungers	Member	✓
Cindy Raspiller	Advisor – Library Trustee	✓
John Quinlan	Advisor – Selectmen	✓
Anne Dodd	Advisor – Daland Trustee	✓
Jill Weber	Advisor – Daland Trustee	✓ Via Zoom
Penny Dickson	Advisor – Landscaping	✓
Bonnie Angulas	Advisor – Library Director	✓
Adrienne Penkacik	Advisor – MV Con Comm	Absent
Larry Breckenridge	Advisor – MVLCF	✓
Guests		
Scott Foster & Jane-Holly Weintraub (via Zoom) – Daland Trustees, Jane King – Library Trustee, Amanda Young – Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation Volunteer, Shane Hogan, Jay Goodell		

- I. Public Comment – None
- I. Budget Committee 01/31/2024 Meeting Recap – Raspiller noted that the Budget Committee warrant article overview was fairly routine. She indicated that the presentation used that night will be available on the new Library Building Committee website to be launched if approved later in the agenda. The presentation highlighted the changes since last year.
- \$310K in cost reductions
 - Avoidance of inflation/escalation
 - Addition of \$350K for sprinkler protection

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- Added MVLCF fundraising
- Improved “cost of money” – NH MBB estimating 4% this year vs 6% last year.

Raspiller clarified that the \$350K estimate for the sprinkler system is based on both a written estimate from Turnstone and an earlier DSK estimate. This number may be adjusted when final system pricing is received. The Budget Committee had very few questions. They have not yet voted on their support of the article.

- II. Raspiller also summarized the Budget Hearing on 02/05/2024. It was very similar to the Budget Committee discussion. Quinlan reported that the Select Board voted unanimously to support both the library project and the road project. He reminded the group that once the wording of the Warrant Articles is finalized in the next week that only \$ amounts can be amended on the floor at Town Meeting, the wording itself cannot be changed. Raspiller noted that the library article is likely to be changed, The overall project cost may be reduced if the formal sprinkler system estimates are lower than the current placeholder. The bond amount may also be reduced once the MVLCF reviews pledges and donations that have come in since the article was drafted in late January.
- III. McKinney reported that in follow up to the MVFD/Building Inspector meeting on 1/18/2024. He has reached out to 4 companies to obtain budgetary numbers for a sprinkler system design/build effort to be completed in concert with Turnstone as the project unfolds. MVFD provided contact information for 3 firms and the LBC added a 4th. All 4 firms confirm that they’ve received the relevant specs. He expects responses by March 1st. MVFD confirmed that a 12,000 cistern is acceptable.

Hamilton asked whether there has been any progress on the Building Inspector’s questions. McKinney and Junger both reported that they believe the sprinkler system addition addressed most of his questions and that the phased approach to building permits would allow his structural questions about the truss design to be addressed after Town Meeting.

IV. LBC Website Updates

Breckinridge opened the discussion by commenting that he believes the draft LBC Project Information website is brilliant. Raspiller reminded the group and guests that the effort began in December when ~100 project related questions were posted anonymously on Facebook in MV Chatter just prior to the LBC’s public information session at the Village School. She thanked volunteers Jon and Amanda Young for countless hours of work in developing the site and Hamilton for serving as the LBC point of

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contact for website. Raspiller served as the Library Trustee's representative. Although they considered adding the information to the LBC page on the town website, but ended up created a second site that links back and forth to the town LBC page. The site allows visitors to complete a form that asks a new question or asks for clarification on an existing question. There is a way to link directly to specific questions within the FAQs. This will allow the LBC to send people to answers on the LBC Project Information website from Facebook when appropriate.

Weber asked about the deployment strategy. Raspiller suggested that once Young sends the live link on 2/8, the extended LBC should feel free to share it with friends and family over the weekend to enlist their help in identifying any typos or areas where the language isn't as clear as it could be. After the Bond Hearing on Monday the site will be live, and residents will be encouraged to seek answers there in a variety of ways. Hamilton will share the link directly on MV Chatter since that was the original source of many of the questions.

Hamilton reminded the group that various demographics within town take in information in different ways and there is a significant 30-something demographic that considers social media their "go-to" for this type of information. The basic town LBC webpage gets very little traffic so using social media effectively to introduce the added web content is very important.

The group agreed to include the 2-hour audio from the 12/6 information session on the webpage even though most of the questions have been covered again. The sound quality is not great, but sharing it meets the commitment that was made. Amanda Young agreed to be the clearinghouse for any suggested edits.

- V. The LBC reviewed the minutes from 01/17/24 and 1/20/24 – Two minor errors were noted on 1/17/2024 **800"** should be **800'** and on 1/20/24 **coat** should be **cost**. Jungers moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. McKinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VI. Action Items

- Amanda Young will purchase the domain name mvlibrarybuildingcommittee.com and do a soft launch of the site content.
- Hamilton will film a video introduction to the site and post it to MV Chatter after the Bond Hearing on 2/12 and monitor the site for new questions. She will take the lead for answering LBC questions within 24-48 hours and referring questions that may be more appropriately answered by the Trustees or MVLCF.

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- Angulas will summarize how many hours during the week are dedicated to children's programming in ways that limit adult use of the building.
- Raspiller will create postcards with the LBS project web address and QR code and Town Meeting the Save the Date info to be available at the library and other locations in town. She will also reach out to Amy Wyman to understand the MV Flyer schedule from now to Town Meeting to identify other opportunities to share the web info.

X. Future Meeting Schedule

- Public Bond Hearing – 2/12/24 at 7:00 PM @ Town Hall
- SAC Meeting – at 6:30 on 2/8/24 @ MVVS
- LBC Meeting – at 7:00 on 2/21/24 @ the library
- LBC Meeting – at 7:00 on 3/6/24 @ the library
- Meet the Candidates Night – at 6:30 on 3/7/24 @ MVVS
- LBC Meeting – at 7:00 on 4/3/24 @ the library

XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Get out the vote efforts.

X. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.