

# Minutes of Town Center and Library Committee

## June 12 2024 Meeting

In attendance: Lisa Miller, Adam Wood, Mike Storrs, Amy Wardwell, Cara LaBounty

1. Additions to agenda at the beginning of the meeting:
  - a. Define our degree of renovation
  - b. We must keep existing tenants [per Selectboard: Radiate, P.O., Senior Center, MMCTV, OCCC, Police Dept]
  
2. Discussion:
  - a. Lessons learned:
    - i. Transparency of decisions is critical
    - ii. put BRD documents on the Town website
  - b. Town Center + Library renovation is the scope for this committee; the funding for both is interrelated and can't easily be separated. Committee will start out concentrating on TC
  - c. Majority agreed that re-using all relevant prior work, to the extent possible, is the right path forward. This also reduces the time and cost for a new cost estimate
  - d. Much discussion that keeping the same site and same building shell is the basis for moving forward. The scope of the renovation may change
  - e. Mike Storrs was expecting that his summary of the prior Committee's unanswered questions and remaining unaddressed topics would be discussed. This did not happen; Mike's summary is posted on the Committee's space on the Town website
  - f. Discussion covered a lot of areas: safety, cost estimates, availability of documents, public communication
  - g. Chair requested that the committee deliberations be done at meetings rather than in media. Much discussion ensued about democracy and how to keep public informed
  - h. Cara LaBounty offered to produce a list of assignments for each committee member to gather documents that will provide the current status of project items, e.g., safety items, current contract with P.O., FEMA correspondence, energy audit results
  - i. [The automatic transcription had difficulty separating out the various speakers so I had a really hard time picking out who said what & when]
  - j. It was said that the Committee should call Jeff Forward, for some background and their lessons learned. [Note to Committee by Lisa: I have talked with Jeff recently, and he says it is essential to have BRD explain their work since there is so much to it that is not obvious but essential. Jeff also offered to speak to the Committee]