Meeting of the Town’s Library Board of Trustees, and the Jones Library Inc

4 January 2023 - 1pm – meeting conducted online via Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Austin Sarat, Tamson Ely, Lee Edwards, Farah Ameen, Bob Pam, Eugene Goffredo

Also Present: Sharon Sharry, Bob Peirent, Members of the Public (2 attendees at start of meeting)

1. Meeting Called to Order at 1:00pm
2. Quorum established
3. Changes/Additions to Agenda – None
4. Elections of Officers:
   4.1. President: Austin only nomination, all present approved
   4.2. Vice President: Tammy only nomination, all present approved
   4.3. Treasurer: Bob only nomination, all present approved
   4.4. Vice Treasurer: Lee only nomination, all approved
   4.5. Secretary: Eugene only nomination, all approved, Bob point of order, title is “Clerk”
5. Committee Assignments
   5.1. Library
      5.1.1. JLBC: Austin, Farah
      5.1.2. B&F: Farah, Eugene
      5.1.3. Development: Bob, Tammy, Lee
      5.1.4. PPP: Tammy, Eugene
         5.1.4.1. JEDI: Farah
      5.1.5. Budget: Bob, Lee
      5.1.6. Investment: Austin, Bob
   5.2. Town
      5.2.1. BCG: Austin, Bob
      5.2.2. Personnel Board: Tammy
      5.2.3. Audit Committee: Bob
      5.2.4. JCPC: Lee, Eugene
      5.2.5. Friends Liaison: Lee
6. Motion passed: Approval of Minutes (19 December 2023) Approved 6-0 as corrected
   6.1. Lee Edwards offered a name correction to the minutes
   6.2. Bob offered 2 typo corrections
7. Public Comment – none
8. President’s Report
   8.1. Jones Building Easement Negotiations
      8.1.1. Bob Peirent reviewed maps and specifics of the easements needed:
         8.1.1.1. Discussions around seeking the 2ft easement continue from DiAngelo property, needed for driveway to be constant width
         8.1.1.2. Discussions with Strong House: desired: Temporary easement during construction for access under review from Strong House for 2-3 years, need permanent easement for building of 135 foot retaining wall on property wall on property line, easement needed for underground footing of wall and gravel backfill of wall.
**8.1.1.3.** During last, 1990’s project, there was an existing, temporary and now-expired, easement that will be removed as the new project will move the Library away from the Strong property by 2 feet

**8.1.1.4.** Stairway behind Drake, address easement needed for users of stairway to cross onto Library property

**8.1.2.** **Motion passed:** To allow the Trustee President to negotiate with the Board of the Amherst Historical Society, the owner of The Works building, and the owner of The Drake building regarding temporary and permanent easements necessary for the Jones Library expansion & renovation project, passed by all present

**9.** Library Director announcement: Jones closed on 24 January for staff to start the packing and moving process, there will be future closings and better timelines of packing/moving to come. Thanks Bob Peirent for aid to this process

**10.** Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Eugene Goffredo