

**Meeting of the Jones Library, Inc. Sustainability Subcommittee  
February 13, 2020 5:30 p.m. Goodwin Room**

Members Present: Sara Draper, Todd Holland, Chris Riddle, Lee Jennings, Alex Lefebvre  
Also Present: Sharon Sharry

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Meeting called to order at 5:50 p.m.

**Public Comment:** Bob Pam spoke in favor of moving forward with the G&C Energy study as he feels it provides a level of analysis that will be important regardless of whether the Town funds the renovation project or only the deferred maintenance.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of November 20, 2019. Approved 4-0-0 (Todd Holland not present at meeting yet).

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of January 9, 2020. Approved as amended 4-0-0 (Todd Holland not present at meeting yet).

Quote from G&C Energy Services for Energy Study. The Buildings and Facilities Committee has requested input from the Sustainability Committee to determine if this is a wise use of Library funds for this study if it is not fully paid for by EverSource and Berkshire Gas? Is it duplicative to work that will be done as part of renovation and expansion or is timing a concern until we know how project will proceed?

Discussed the contract would need to be updated to make sure it is looking at all electrical upgrades. The suggestions of the study results are fossil fuels and we would want them to review moving to all electric.

Discussed the G&L contract is an entry point for rebates and it makes sense to go forward. Ideally we get as much or all of it funded by EverSource and Berkshire Gas but it makes sense to go forward even if it means spending some Library funds. Todd will reach out to EverSource and then once he has a response can pursue G&L contract and update as needed.

Updates

- CPA & Historic Commission recommended \$1M for Special Collections if the project moves forward and receives Town Council approval
- Two Campaign Consultants have been hired (one specializing in tax credits and grant funding and the other in the private donor sector)
- FAA is working with Feasibility Committee to update schematics and will be presenting updated plans on February 26, encouraged everyone to attend and provide any feedback.

Discussion regarding offsets and how defined, SMART or other incentive programs, and other strategies for embodied carbon offset as well as operational cost offsets. This will be discussed in more detail as we move forward.

Requested that the next meeting focus on brainstorming around fund raising so that we can fund additional costs of sustainability goals.

- donor fund embodied carbon offset
- education around sustainability
- FAA will tell us how much carbon needs to be offset and then we can have separate fund raising around costs for offsets.

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alex Lefebvre