

Rice Public Library
Board of Directors' Meeting: Archive Copy
June 28, 2016

Present: Dudley Bierau, George Dow, Doug Greene, Dave Harris and Lee Perkins
Excused: Rachel Dennis and Bill Tredwell

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Mike Lassel showed a slide presentation of the overall site plan. The plan demonstrates that there is still a large amount of field space available even with the library there. The board members and Mike discussed the layout of the baseball field and the possibility of it being repositioned. There is a stone path that could be moved down the hill a little closer to ball field. There is also a gentle slope where parents can watch the baseball games. Lee mentioned that several parents are very happy with the proposed ball field because the kids will be further away from the street. The plan shows fire access on two sides of the building.

It should be noted that the existing building in the plan is called the Kittery Community Center (KCC) and the field is called Frisbee Commons. In addition, the master athletic plan for Frisbee Commons is on the Town of Kittery website for the public to view.

The goal is to have a building that optimizes staff and energy efficiency. Mike explained that standard construction methods would be used to achieve a high performance building. There is potential for the energy costs to be an average of \$8000.00 per year to operate the 20,000 square foot building. Some questions may come up about the possibility of using solar energy. The building design is completely set up for solar if need be.

Concerning the Maine Room, which has historical documents, there will be a separate fire suppression system, other than the sprinkling system.

Cordelia Pitman presented the Total Project Budget from Wright-Ryan Construction. The purpose of the budget is to identify every cost they can think of. This is just a draft and the costs can be adjusted. She also explained that a third party commissioning agent would review the mechanical system at the time of installation. The Operating and Maintenance Manual is included in this budget and will be provided by Wright-Ryan Construction.

At the town council meeting Lee Perkins will also present the budget for the overall operating costs including staffing costs. Some of the proposed ideas to contribute to the cost of the new library are the possibility of selling the Taylor building, fundraising, and a town bond. Lee invited Chris Di Matteo, the Kittery Town Planner, to come to the town council meeting on July 11th at 6:00 pm. Also the KCC board and library patrons were invited.

The Board of Directors is just as concerned about the livelihood of the Rice building as they are about the new building. There is every intention of preserving the historic Rice building. The two current library buildings are simply no longer adequate for our patrons.

The board has tried to be as transparent as possible in this process. Mike explained that the design has evolved over the last several years and has been presented several times to the community. Other sites have been reviewed for a new library, including a full structural analysis of the annex at the KCC, and not found suitable. It is hoped that by building a new library at Frisbee Commons, it will make the best use of the space. Of primary concern is the betterment of the community.

The meeting concluded at 8:15.

Minutes were taken by Lauren Pray.