

Board of Library Trustees  
Provincetown, Massachusetts

Minutes of Extra Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2000 in the Judge Welsh Hearing Room.

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Attending: James Cole, Chair; Arthur Pike, Secretary; Anita Berman; Marcia Fair; Bonnie Steele McGhee.

Also, Debra DeJonker-Berry, Library Director; Robin Reid, President of the Supporters of the Provincetown Public Library. From Tappé Associates: Charles Hay and Jeff Hoover.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Because the Library Director had not arrived with the Tappé representatives, the Chair called for a recess. The Chair reopened the meeting with all present at 5:25 pm. This Extra Meeting was a Workshop intended for information purposes, allowing dialog between the Board and the Tappé representatives before the Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 pm.

The Chair directed Marcia Fair to present the questions she had already formulated about certain topics in the Tappé Report. These questions helped to clarify where in the Report some of the cost and other data items had been included. Labeling of some of the schematic bubbles were not related to labels referenced in the Report Summary. A question was raised about possible appeal to the Mass. Historical Commission about their recommendation to retain the curved stairs in the Center Street building. The cost of landscape restoration had been only partially included in the Summary cost figures.

Discussion also brought out the intent that the model of the Rose Dorothea be integrated well into the Library's program, as a part of local history, with interpretation especially directed towards children's programs. It was also suggested that the Board of Library Trustees vote to suggest to the Selectmen that a person from the Town Administration be designated to further shepherd the planning process for creating a new Library out of the Center Street building. Because this Extra Meeting was opened as a Workshop, a vote could not be taken; however, the consensus of the Board supported such a designation. The Chair agreed to include this suggestion for the Selectmen as part of the recommendations that had been voted at our Regular Meeting on August 10.

Robin Reid reiterated the Supporters' belief that the current building is strangling the Library and it needs a new home. The project under consideration is affordable and workable, and the Supporters are 100% behind it.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

