

Brooks Memorial Library Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes for 4/21/2023

Called to Order at 9:05 AM.

Present were Syrka Kauffman, Elizabeth Tannenbaum, Jane Southworth, Christine deVallet, Starr Latronica, and Karen Tyler.

No additions or changes to agenda.

Minutes of 3/17/2023 meeting accepted as written,

No members of public present.

Old Business:

Ongoing and Proposed projects

Outdoor Building Project: Karen mentioned that Alec Goldschmid will attend the next Board meeting, to which B&G members who are not also Board members would be welcome.

Starr suggested inviting Brian Bannon, who oversees permits for the town, to our next committee meeting to discuss next steps. She will reach out to Brian.

Sue Fillion has mentioned that the Main Street grant might be a source of funding.

Book Drop Shelter: Karen will make another request of Alec for more formal drawings. Everyone present agreed that a metal roof, rather than shingles, would be the preferred choice.

Staff input re: building and furnishing needs. Starr reported that the large cabinet is arriving today, and that the new Children's Room shelving was being assembled by Lindsay's family as we were meeting,

New Business: Rear of Building Aesthetics

Karen requested that we continue to revisit this topic. Starr reported that Pete Lynch of the DPW came by and has agreed to mill and fill the parking lot around the end of May, repaint lines, fix signs. There has been a change in the town's structure regarding building maintenance. Starr has spoken to Russ, who is now the designated person, about the process for requesting work on the shed and adjacent debris.

There have been recent problems with people leaving things in the alley and using the recycling bins inappropriately. Maintenance has been doing a great job managing this.

Rear flag going out soon (need to decide location).

The unsightly black marks on the soffit are due to tar drips. There is a proposed plan to encapsulate the soffit (metal or asbestos due to asbestos).

Town employees have talked about raised beds, with which Edible Brattleboro could be involved. Kids are coming to plant the arbor.

Meeting adjourned about 9:35 AM.