

Shutesbury Finance Committee: Joint meeting with Library Building Committee, Board of
Library Trustees and Select Board
Tuesday, June 4, 2024 Hybrid Meeting, Town Hall

Finance Committee Members: Ajay Khashu - chair, George Arvanitis, Bob Groves Susie Mosher, Jim Hemingway, and Jim Walton, April Stein Attending: Town Administrator Becky Torres

Library Building Committee: Elaine Puleo, chair, Brad Foster, Stephen Dallmus, Dale Houle, Penny Jaques, Molly Moss, Jeff Quackenbush Mary Anne Antonellis, Library Director

Board of Library Trustees: Kate Cell, chair, Michele Regan-Ladd, Melanie deSilva, Brad Foster, Pam Ososky, Elizabeth Murphy

Select Board: Rita Farrell, Melissa Makepeace O'Neil, co-chairs, Eric Stocker

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners: Andrea Bunker, Heather

Owner Project Manager: Neil Joyce, Roger Architect: Dominic

Members of the public: Grace Bannasch, Stephen Bannasch, Joyce Braunhut, Serge Federovsky, Gail Fleischaker, Isaac Goldstein, Cat Hilton, Weezie Houle, Penny Kim, Les Luchonok ,Susan Millinger, Sandy Olken, Matteo Pangallo, Clif Read, BZ Reily, Mark Rivers, Tom Seifert, Jane Urban

Finance Committee meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Bids for New Library project

A. The Library Building Committee present the five general contractor bids received for the new Library. The lowest bid was from Construction Dynamics. Inc. Clinton MA for \$6,386K. The bid is within the expected budget.

B. The Owner Project Manager will review the company's credentials and the bid then make his recommendation by June 12, 2024. Groundbreaking is expected around July 1, 2024

II. Recommended Funding

A. The expense/revenue spreadsheet showed the funds raised cover all but \$232K. The Board of Library Trustees and the Library Building Committee requested \$60,840 in ARPA funds and the remaining \$50,623 from a \$200K Library earmark secured by Sen. Jo Comerford, (the bulk of which was used on the school roof and repair projects) be utilized to reduce the \$232K. This leaves \$120,863 to be raised. The Library Director is working to secure an earmark through U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern's office and the on-going fundraising in town is sure to raise the remaining balance needed in the coming fiscal year.

B. The Fin Com discussed the appropriate use of the ARPA money and the balance of the Library earmark funds. There are no specific restrictions on these funds. The Library Project has been fully researched, voted on, has fund-raised a significant amount, and is ready to go. Any other suggested projects that need funding are yet to be developed, engineered, and presented for funding recommendation.

C. A motion was made and seconded by the Finance Committee to recommend utilization of the ARPA funds and remaining earmarked funds totaling \$111,463 for the new library project. The vote: 5 - Yes, 2 – no

The Finance Committee adjourned at 7:49 pm.