

Worth-Pinkham Memorial Library Minutes
Special Meeting
February 5, 2020
7:30pm

Meeting called to order at 7:35. In attendance is John Mongelli, Gretchen Kaser-Corsillo, H. Crowley, Jeff Clutterbuck, Hugh Turk, Caroline Richards, Leann Surz, Diane Mardy and Dane Policastro. Patricia Crossley is not in attendance.

D. Mardy opened, J. Clutterbuck seconded

People voice that drawings look:

- Too much like a warehouse
- Design doesn't fit with neighborhood
- The antithesis of the community

Arch will need direction, so to that end, what bothers us:

- We like the light

Don't like:

- Don't like vertical siding
- Don't like roofline
- Flat profile - no depth

J. Mongelli had images to share

H. Turk thinks building needs to tie into original building better

- Higher stone work - integrated better
- Doesn't like vertical board - looks aluminum siding. Looks too industrial.
- Doesn't like roof as a dome, but does like idea of low pitched roof
- Windows are great. These window structures feel very modern compared to what is here. Not sure how that will marry.
- Likes clapboard and horizontal shingles

J. Clutterbuck

- Stone up almost to first floor - at least double what it is now.
- Likes idea of similar siding - doesn't
- Bungalow tin roof
- Doesn't mind these windows - likes contemporary aspects. They might be softer if stone raised
- Cedar or clapboard shingle
- Likes the portico and glass look as the segue - if Portico is acceptable to everyone then the windows should blend with that.

H. Crowley

- Agree mostly with Jeff and Hugh
- Would like to see a building that blends with old, rather than something like the DPW garage
- This won't get public support
- Curb appeal is important
- Likes contemporary design so that it **blends**
- This building will need renovations and it has to be cohesive

Gretchen Kaser-Corsillo

- Doesn't think it ties in with current building
- Barn like image doesn't work
- Likes glass entryway

John Mongelli

- Stretch of unbroken height is an issue - length needs to be shortened
- Vertical siding doesn't help - brings eye up
- Roof design - likes a bungalow type/more traditional because brings
- Design doesn't represent what we are trying to do

Dane Policastro

- Sounds like we are all on same page
- Don't like the roof pitch
- Don't like the facade
- Likes stone
- Streamline consistency old to new - including roofing material
- Probably facelift old building

Diane Mardy

- Likes concept of more light
- Very much more a whole to part person - can't see how this will work. Must be able to progress from old to new building.
- Aesthetic is very important in public reception
- Doesn't see how this design can be made to work. Needs to be reconceptualized. Start over
- Uncomfortable submitting without a finished design.

Leann Surz

- Re: submitting without final exterior design, the per square foot price will be roughly the same. The money will be for what we accomplish
- Concerned that when we polled the patrons their one thing was the cozy feeling of the library. This does not reflect cozy.
- Looks like a caboose
- Re: what we want to accomplish - this looks really small.

- How much more are we going to spend to have him redo this.

Caroline Richards

- Needs redesign

Other thoughts:

- Gretchen reminds us that we can modify along the way.
- J. Clutterbuck raises question about if submission is public then we can't go forward because this set of drawings would be visible to public.
- J. Clutterbuck - architect needs to design it
- D. Policastro - needs to marry - include modern touches, like glass. One new roof on entire facility. A pitched metal roof may be more expensive than an asphalt roof. Perhaps because of the visibility, perhaps the back.
- The amphitheater - can it stay if we change footprint?
- Dimensions on the addition: 61x40
 - Is this enough space? GKC thinks it is for collections. What we really need the community space.

Next steps: small group meeting with the architect to give him this feedback. The smaller the group, the easier it is to convey what we want without it being confusing. Committee can't be bigger than 4 and will consist of: John, Leann, Jeff, Dane. Gretchen will reach out with possible dates. New drawings to be brought back to whole group.

Criteria we all think we need:

Stone element

Consistent blending from old to new

Light and airy feel

Relief on current front - too flat

A image of the total picture - old and new so we can visualize the final look

In keeping with existing town vibe

Beautiful

Links to look at: <https://www.bdcnetwork.com/best-library-design-2018-six-projects-earn-aiaala-library-awards>

Diane Mardy moved to adjourn at 8:45PM and Leann Surz seconded.