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The Special Meeting of the Facility Committee of the Board of Directors of the Bethel Public Library was held at the CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room A on August 18th, 2009.

Chairman Mills, Committee members Terri Rotella, Lorraine Go, Dorathea Gulya-Stasny and ex-officio member Shani Burke-Specht, Chairman of the Library Board were in attendance. Patricia Rist representing the Bethel Historical Society and Library Director Lynn Rosato were also in attendance.

Chairman Geraldine Mills moved to call the meeting to order at 6:15 PM, seconded by Terri Rotella. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Chairman Mills led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mills gave a brief history of the Bethel Historical Society's past association with the Library. She stated that, unfortunately, some of the Historical Society's materials were lost when they were asked, several years ago, to vacate the area allotted for their use.

Chairman Mills read a letter from Library Board member Dorathea Gulya-Stasny regarding the Barnum statue construction project.

Dorathea Gulya-Stasny moved to adjourn in order to obtain a tape recorder to make a recording of the meeting. There was no second.

L. Go moved to accept the minutes of May 6, 2009, seconded by Chairman Mills. Chairman Mills advised that several of the items discussed at the May 6, 2009 meeting have been addressed. The concerns regarding the front door were addressed and the crack in the wall on the second floor was brought to the attention of The Morganti Group, town engineer and the Building Committee. The Parks and Recreation Department was contacted to sweep the parking lot and walks. She also reported that a request was made to the Building Maintenance Department to clean and paint the columns on the Seelye House. Hollandia Nurseries will look at the shrubs near the main entrance and make a recommendation. It was noted that Lorraine Go has volunteered her time weeding areas of the library grounds, but greater assistance is needed to perform the task. Chairman Mills suggested allotting funds in the next budget for lawn maintenance and stated that the Library represents the Town of Bethel and the interior and exterior of the building should be clean, maintained and well groomed.

Director Rosato stated that the crack has been repaired and the parking lot was swept in time for the Olde Home Day Celebration. She also stated that she and other staff members have also worked on the weeding issues on the Library grounds. Lorraine Go and Geraldine Mills voted in favor of the motion to accept the minutes of May 6, 2009. Terri Rotella and Dorathea Gulya-Stasny abstained. The motion passed.

Library Board Chairman Shani Burke-Specht offered comment that the Library is not trying to prohibit or delay the Barnum statue project. The project would be constructed in two phases and she would not want to see an unfinished project at the library.

Mrs. Rist responded that the project will start in April, 2010 with the base and foundation and that the installation of the statue would follow in September, 2010. Some of the funds for the project are in place and aggressive fundraising would commence to raise the additional monies needed to complete the construction project. She also stated that she would be making a full presentation of the project at the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

Library Director Shani Burke-Specht left the meeting at 6:30 PM for another commitment.

Project specifications, see attached, were discussed. Mrs. Rist stated that the ribbon cutting for the project would be held on September 19, 2010. Teri Rotella moved to amend item #6 on the Specifications asking for two (2) references instead of three (3), seconded by Chairman Mills. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Terri Rotella moved to approve the Specifications and to bring them before the Board of Directors at the next Special Meeting on August 31, 2009, seconded by Dorathea Gulya-Stasny. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Terri Rotella moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM, seconded by Chairman Mills. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorathea Gulya-Stasny
Director

SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications: Proposed Establishment of the P.T. Barnum Statue on the grounds of the Bethel Public Library at 189 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT.

Requirements as follows to be applicable to the Rules and Regulations of the Town of Bethel:

1. Letter of Approval from the Town Tree Warden for relocation and or removal of the dogwood tree located front lawn of the Seelye House. A review of the history of the tree, if any, of such tree if it was in memory of a member of the community.
2. Approvals of Town Engineer or Building Inspector and or P & Z approvals if applicable to project.
3. Site drawings, specifications, photos of pending location of foundation and construction. Plans applicable to town rules and regulations.
4. Any and all state requirements regarding utility locations.
5. Date of proposed construction of foundation.
6. Contractor references of quality construction for three (3) previous site locations.
7. All financial matters to be in place by the Bethel Historical Society in order to proceed with the project pending acceptance by the Library Board of Directors, Town of Bethel, to be then sent to the Board of Selectmen, Town of Bethel.
8. Date of installation (proposed) and ribbon cutting ceremony (proposed) notification to the Library Board of Directors.

cc: Library Board of Directors
cc: Mrs. Patricia Rist, Bethel Historical Society
cc: Mr. Robert Burke, First Selectman
cc: Mr. Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer
cc: Mr. Gary Boughton, Building Inspector
cc: Mr. R. Tripi, Library Building Committee
cc: Ms. Lynn Rosato, Library Director
cc: Mr. Stephen Gallagher, Esq. Library Attorney
cc: Mr. William Hagan, Town Attorney