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**COA SUBCOMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING WITH LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 23, 2022
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Attendance:

COA Subcommittee: Paula Charette, Robert Alderson, Alfred Barros, Bruce Wilbur, Kent Wilkins, Margaret French, Jeff Amaral, Wayne Jaye, Norman Landreville (alternate)

Library Planning Committee: Bev Sadeck, Linda Fournier, Christine Paiva, Judy Reese

Library Trustee: Paul Sadeck, Amy Sypher

Other: Nicole Daignon (Library Director), Deb Pettey (Interim Town Administrator), Chad Carvalho (candidate for selectman)

Library planning committee meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

COA subcommittee meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Discussion regarding minutes from 2/1/2022 and 2/8/2022. Wayne stated that the dimensions recorded for the drawing of a possible joint were incorrect. The dimensions were corrected from 7,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet.

Motion to accept minutes with the correction

Motion made by Kent Wilkins and seconded by Alfred Barros. Motion passed unanimously

Discussion regarding a possible joint building was initiated:

Library excited about a joint building and feel it would have a better chance for approval. They would like a larger building but can make a 6,000 square foot building. There was a discussion regarding the options to renovate and expand the existing building versus building a new facility. A point was made that having the Council on Aging on the second floor may not be in the best interest of the elderly. Library needs to be on the first floor due to the weight of the books. It was mentioned that if we are going for a joint building it should be a new building.

A point was made that presenting a joint building at Town Meeting would not pass due to the cost. It was mentioned that a joint building will draw from two demographics to support both library and COA.

If the separate committees vote to work together, a new subcommittee would be formed including both library and COA members.

Motion to the COA Subcommittee to move forward with a joint building
Made by Margaret French, seconded by Wayne Jay
4 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion passes

Library Planning Committee previously voted to move forward with a joint building.

Next step is to send the vote back to the Building Committee to form a new subcommittee

Motion to adjourn:
Made by Wayne Jaye, seconded by Alfred Barros
Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM