

*Griffin Free Public Library*  
*Working Session with Board of Selectmen*  
**Never give up because great things take time**  
*February 21, 2024 at 6:00PM*

**Present:** Keith LeClair, BOS; Mickey Rolfe, BOS; Tom, BOS; Nancy Mayland, Chair; Liz Michaud, Secretary; Cindy Berling, Alternate Trustee; Dan Szczesny, Library Director; Amy LaChance, Parks & Recreation; Jackie Wood

Absent: Marilyn Cavanaugh, Treasurer; Andrea Galasso, Alternate Trustee

Keith LeClaire called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Discussion about the Expansion:

- Take aways for tonight:
  - Identify what everyone is looking for in this project
  - Have a unified message, clear and transparent
  - Define needs and wants

Needs and wants:

- Nancy mentioned that the plans we already have for the library are our needs and that changes would be for the community center that could be added at the back of the proposed library expansion.
- Amy said Parks & Rec needs a big room for activities and a meeting room, like at severance but bigger. Wants would include a gym, a kitchen, office space for Amy and storage.
- Nancy said the meeting rooms can be shared. For example the community meeting room on the plans that holds 100 can be shared for bigger events.
- The current plans for the Library Expansion were reviewed.
- Amy said Parks & Rec holds a lot of loud activities, Zumba and jumping beans, that should be held farther away from library or would need soundproofing. She needs a room that does not have carpeting because sometimes activities get messy, she would need a sink area.
- Talked about stage, furniture that is fold away for the community room.
- Talked about the community room, plans measure at 7,000 square feet
- Amy's storage needs: chairs & tables, activity stuff: yoga mats and other stuff for classes
- Amy needs a room that can be used every day, approx 800 square feet + more needed.
- Reviewed the design that Jason put together that included parks & recs.
- Talked about using the current library design and add what we need for parks & req as an addition on the back.
- Cost on the high end would be \$10Million, that includes the pickle ball court.
- Chris asked for a list of the size of each space.
- Pickle Ball room can be multi use with nets that move. 20 x 44 for pickleball, 60 x 60 room
- Discussion about the need for a kitchenette.

Discussion about separate entrances that can lock each space apart.

- Keith says we have a good idea of what the library needs and need to determine the final decisions about what the town needs for Parks & Rec: two rooms 1 for small activities, 1 for medium space and storage 700 sqft. Good idea to keep storage to cushion between the two rooms for sound proofing. And another room on other side: share the current design storage space?
- Next meeting 6pm before the next BOS Meeting TBD.

Action items:

- Perhaps ask SMP to come to the next meeting, Chris to let us know which meeting they should come to.
- List of square footage per function – Dan to talk to Jason to get that information.
- Next meeting structure of how things will go, communication, first step is agreeing on the plan. Who's going to be responsible for the communication to SMP – come up with structure and hierarchy as a group.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52

Liz Michaud, Secretary