

Campton Campus Design Committee Minutes

October 11, 2023

The Campton Campus Design Committee met in the Community Room to hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. The attendees were member Sherrill Howard, member Mary O'Brien, Selectman, Craig Engel, Planning/Zoning/Assessing Coordinator, Jade Hartsgrove, and Natasha Egger, Minutes Recorder. There were no members of the public on Zoom.

Member Mort Donahue was absent from the meeting.

Public Attendees: Library Trustees Carolyn Hill and Priscilla Carr Whitney.

Selectman Craig Engel called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes Review

The committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on September 13, 2023. Member Sherrill Howard motioned to approve the minutes, and member Mary O'Brien seconded that motion. Craig asked if there was any discussion, and Mary noted corrections to lines 9 and 23.

Selectman Craig Engel motioned to accept the amended minutes for September 13, 2023, and Mary O'Brien seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Library Trustees

The Library Trustees, Carolyn Hill, and Priscilia Carr Whitney, came in to talk to the committee about their priorities and wants.

Priority: New building with more space to walk around. Currently, the library is shared with Campton Elementary School, which means they have limited hours for security purposes for the school—workspaces such as tables and chairs for quiet reading spaces for newspapers & periodicals. A community room with a separate entrance opens at night for speakers, tutoring, and events. Carolyn even suggested a fee to charge for significant events as supplemental income for the cost of the community room.

Needs: Larger desks, more adequate closets. Space to put more shelves for books. Updated technology for public use, full-time staff with benefits in the future.

Board Concerns & Directives

Selectman Engel: In the last meeting, Craig asked Sherrill Howard and Mary O'Brien if they could put all the library minutes together for the next meeting. There was a misunderstanding of what was asked. After explaining, Selectman Engel broke up all departments into three different categories for Sherrill Howard, Mary O'Brien, and Craig Engel to work on jointly, and they will present it for the next meeting on October 25, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. In the next BOS meeting on October 16, 2023, Selectman Engel will ask the Board about the policy on using the Community room.

Carolyn Hill: Carolyn asked if the committee could include both her and Priscilla in any correspondence and decisions that may be made.

Jade Hartsgrove: Jade asked if there was an inter-governmental agreement between the school and the library. Mary O'Brien and Priscilla both confirmed that there was and that it would need to be investigated if anything changed. Jade also brought up a portable trailer like the one Thornton Elementary has or had. Carolyn and Priscilla stated that would be a great idea. Jade said she would do some research on portable classrooms that could be used for this purpose.

The trustees wanted to note that going forward, they do not want to be on the same premise as the Elementary School.

Privilege of the floor

There were no members of the public present.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jade Hartsgrove
Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Coordinator