

## Keene Public Library

### Building and Grounds Committee

#### Meeting held 1/13//2023 at 10:00 AM (DRAFT)

Members present: Susan Bloom, Paul Henkel, Scott Martin, Kathleen Packard, Sally Rinehart, Justin Somma. Director Marti Fiske was present for part of the meeting.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

**Landscaping** – A 2023 tree program has been proposed by Bartlett Tree Experts. Marti Fiske requested that Paul discuss this with Andy Bohannon.

**Safety** – Scott Martin reported door and sign safety improvements including so called crash or panic doors have been completed. A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) request for complex intercom system for each of the “areas of refuge” required by the state fire marshal will be submitted. There are no other pending maintenance issues.

**Parking** – Sally noted that on some mornings when a jury is serving at the courthouse, all the parking spaces in front of the library are taken by 9 AM. Discussion ensued about possible partnership with RE/MAX Real Estate. Also about patron parking in the Gilbo Avenue area. Susan said staff might look for a way to keep patrons informed about parking opportunities nearby.

The proposed revision of the traffic pattern on Main Street may reduce parking at the north end of the square; and this may impact parking at the library.

Trustees might wish to inquire/advocate about replacement parking or increased parking capacity for patrons near the Library be included in the plan. We can also seek to understand traffic flows on Winter Street both during and after construction.

#### **Public Informational Meeting - Main Street Infrastructure and Reconstruction Project 5 PM – 8 PM in Heberton Hall**

Following is a description of the event:  
The first hour is intended as an open house for the public to walk around and view display boards depicting the options for this infrastructure project. The public may ask questions of City staff and representatives of Stantec one-on-one. At 6:00 PM there will be a brief presentation and further opportunities for the public to learn more and share their perspectives on the project. Comment cards will be available for the public's use.

**Equipment for Heberton Hall and Cohen Hall** – Improved ventilation and/or cooling is needed for the AV equipment. Scott Martin will confirm the maximum and minimum temperatures to which Heberton and Cohen Halls are controlled. Andy Bohannon is assisting in planning how to adequately cool the Heberton equipment closet and the small Cohen equipment room.

**Improved Lighting in Large Print Book and part of the Fiction area.** Staff has asked input from Hamblet Electric.

Paul Henkel, Chair

**Next Meeting: 10 AM February 3, 2023 in the Miller-Vincent Room.**