Grassroots Campaign for Taft Public Library Relocation Project to St. Mike’s

Meeting Minutes

5/23/12

Carrie Grimshaw, Library Director welcomed and thanked all who attended.

Susan Darnell, Library Trustee Chair explained the history of the project and Bill McHenry, Trustee, gave a report on the steps taken so far, including design meetings with the architect and meetings with various town committees. In addition, he mentioned that the library plans to work with BVT for local support. Currently BVT is working on drawing plans for the Rectory.

If the Library were to move to St Michaels’, the CPC would like to explore using the Rectory as affordable housing. Alternatively it could be used for some Town offices. The current building may be of interest to the Historical Society or to Town Hall employees presently working in the basement of the Town Hall.

The group then brainstormed ideas for informing the public about the project, identified responsible people for each suggestion, and discussed the short timeline in which to accomplish this.

1. Create a flyer which includes the floor plans and pertinent information that can be distributed to community gatherings like the Memorial Day celebration and Summerfest. Bill and Amy will produce this.
2. Place the flyers in locations frequently visited by the public- Town Hall, Post Office, Lowells Restaurant, etc. All.
3. Create a Local Access program on cable that would include live footage of the Library. Sue and Bob Carlson volunteered to help the Director with this. .
4. A signs placed outside the library with the date of the STM. Director.
5. Create a YouTube video that would document the space needs. Who can help with this?
6. Continue to update library website. Make website a place for people to find information Put MLA library value calculator on it. Bill and Jen.
7. Write letters to the Editor in local newspapers.
8. Ask supporters to email information to their personal address list. All
9. Utilize Jay Beyer’s email list. Bill
10. Utilize the School’s email list. Leigh will ask if the announcement of the STM date could also include a statement of support
11. Another interview on WMRC. Susan
12. An article for the Mendon-Upton Town Crier. Susan
13. Coverage in the Milford Daily News. Susan

All of these ideas need to be realized within the next three weeks; time is off the essence.