

## Taft Public Library Rectory Sub-Committee

### Minutes of the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Meeting

Attendees: Gabrielle Porciello, James Thach, Leigh Martin, Andrew Jenrich, Carolyn Wass, Dylan Lindholm

Mendon Select Board Representative: Alejna Brugos

GRLA Representative: Scott Richardson

1. Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM.
2. Introduction – Gabrielle Porciello introduced Carolyn Wass, Dylan Lindholm, and Scott Richardson. Additionally forwarded the draft architecture designs to those remote.
3. Architect Recap – Walk through had been conducted with GRLA and Sub-Committee members and GRLA moved forward to start their assessment. Scott Richardson is attending the meeting to present their current status and request next course of action based on the presented schemes.
4. GRLA presentation
  - a. Inventory of the space has been completed and the engineering evaluation is complete
  - b. Presented a use of a ramp to connect the two buildings by adding a small addition to enclose that access.
  - c. Recommendation is to gut the house, keep the layout, provide additional structural support to ensure the second floor is sound. Additionally restructure the stair system to support access to the second floor.
  - d. Scheme 1 and Scheme 2 were both presented by Scott Richardson.
    - i. In the discussion there were changes to the designs to include the lift to all floors for access of both staff and public. Ensuring we meet ADA compliance for all floors.
  - e. Open discussion about opening up the second floor, recognizing that space would be lost and it may make more sense to keep it.
  - f. Additional discussion about a fire suppression system, due to well water there may be options to evaluate with the building department and fire department. Something to be evaluated and addressed in the next phase.
  - g. Open dialog on how we have an active library and having space like this will allow for more programs and give space for all.
  - h. Engineering discussion on what electrical may be needed to support this structure, this can be evaluated as more final recommendations are presented.
  - i. GRLA requests that these schemes be evaluated and then recommendations be sent back to give them final design recommendations.

5. Next steps with draft plans – have library staff and members present recommendations. Summarize these and share to GRLA around May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
6. Meeting minutes – Corrections will be made to the meeting minutes including spelling changes. Final version will be sent to Andrew.
  - a. Motion to approve the meeting minutes with the corrections.
    - i. Motion approved

Next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @7:00

Meet Adjourned at 8:16pm