

REPORT TO SELECTBOARD – 7/29/14

1. Thank you for allowing me to give you an update.
Glad to try to answer questions.
Would greatly value your suggestions.
2. Our agendas and minutes are publically available on-line – thanks to Kathleen. We've educated ourselves about changes in state Open Meeting law and are complying.
3. First met on May 5; have met three times since. Will be meeting at least monthly going forward.
4. Selected three town members: Peter DeGraff, Christina Johnstone, Dennis O'Brien. Excellent committee!
5. Elected Chair and vice-chair.
6. Determined that we had \$
7. Determining facts and figures about usage of Ilsley, access, shelving, seating, storage, computer space, meeting spaces (large and small) available, heating, AC, ventilation, and synergy with MCTV.
8. Saw videos of contemporary library designs.
9. Attended seminar on Library renovation.
10. Developed Questionnaire to solicit opinions of citizens about the needs of the library. Created Timeline to inform citizens of our work, the importance we place on their opinions, and plans for widest possible distribution (Sept.) of the questionnaire.
11. Developing Times and Places for open meetings with Middlebury residents, teens, Ilsley staff. Several locations; varied times of day.
12. Determined projected K-12 enrollment projections for ACSU.
13. Investigating projected population projections for Middlebury area.

14. Created list of qualified architectural firms.
15. Contacted libraries in VT and Hanover, NH, which have recently undertaken major library renovations and/or additions. Are planning visits to 5-6 of them in August and September; perhaps October.
16. Developing a list of the library's needs (and ways to share space) in anticipation of writing a Case Statement. Have received materials used for these purposes from Manchester, VT.
17. FINALLY: We are interested in the proposed language change to the Town Plan.

*CURRENT: Ensure that the Post Office, Town Offices and community services remain in their downtown prominent, accessible locations **and support renovation.***

*PROPOSED: Ensure that the Post Office, Town Offices **and Ilsley Library** remain in downtown prominent, accessible locations*

We've noticed that Ilsley has been specifically added to the list and that the words -- **and support renovation** -- have been eliminated. We would like to be sure that this new language does not suggest that the Town Plan is less supportive of renovation of Ilsley Library than is the current language.