

The following summary of Joe McVeigh and Dana Hart's update to the Selectboard on December 28th was written by Chris English and distributed through a Selectboard Meeting Highlights email. The full minutes of the Selectboard meeting can be found here (Joe and Dana's update starts at line 260): https://cms5.revize.com/revize/middlebury/document_center/Boards%20Commissions/Selectboard/2021%20Minutes/SB%20Minutes%2012-28-21.2.pdf

Joe McVeigh, Ilesley Library Board of Trustees President, and Library Director **Dana Hart** presented an **update on the work of the Library Renovation/Expansion Working Group**, chartered by the Selectboard in the fall to revisit the 2017 renovation/expansion proposal put together by the Library Building Committee and make recommendations for moving the project forward. Joe noted that, over the course of nine meetings so far, the Working Group has met with Middlebury Planning and Zoning Director Jennifer Murray, select members of the former Library Building Committee, and the architects who were involved in developing concepts for the 2017 proposal, to gain a **clearer understanding of the planning and design issues** that a new project team should focus on for the project's next iteration.

Dana shared with the Board several **high-level recommendations** that the Working Group plans to make in its final report that it hopes will provide a roadmap to success for the new team, which is being dubbed the "IPL 100" Project Team (to commemorate the library's 100th anniversary coming in 2024):

- Approach the project with costs and funding needs in mind earlier in the process than before.
- Sharpen the focus on frequent and effective communication with members of the public throughout the planning process.
- Consider employing a team approach to the next design iteration, which might include an architect, engineer and cost estimator working together throughout.
- Explorer alternative options to the Design-Bid-Build process.

Joe said that the Working Group also plans to recommend that the IPL 100 project team should support the project from start to finish (not just during the design phase) and should include specialists in the areas of library building design, fundraising and community outreach/communications. The Working Group is targeting the Selectboard's January 25th meeting to present its final report, he said. More information about the Library Renovation/Expansion Working Group can be found on the panel's web page: <https://www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org/about-us/renovation-expansion-working-group/> [Line 262]