

**ILSLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD RETREAT
July 14, 2023
11 Chipman Heights, Middlebury**

MINUTES

Board decisions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Present

Board members: Amy Mincher, President; Joe McVeigh, Treasurer; Meg Baker, Secretary;
Natasha Sen, Claire Tebbs
Library Director: Royce McGrath (Acting) + Dana Hart
Minutes taken by: Amy Mincher

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Amy Mincher called the meeting to order at 9:15am.
See Board Packet for agenda and accompanying documents.

ACTIVE LISTENING ACTIVITY

Amy led the group through an activity where each person told their favorite library story to a partner, and the partner told the story back to them. Trustees discussed the key takeaways from the activity

REVIEW OF CONCEPTUAL PLANS

The group reviewed large format printouts of the conceptual architectural plans submitted as part of the Ilsley 100 building design contest. Dana Hart left after this discussion ended.

TIMELINE DISCUSSION

Trustees discussed the project timeline including elements of the design contest, presentations to the community and Selectboard, when a bond vote would happen, and when major fundraising actions need to happen. The trustees were in favor of commissioning a poll of residents to see how many people, including registered voters, would be in favor of a bond vote in support of the building project.

RECESS

Trustees took a break for lunch.

TAGLINE CREATION

After lunch, Amy led a brainstorming session to generate a tagline for the project. Front runners were: "Ilsley's Great, We Can't Wait" and "Hear Our Case, We Need More Space". They hope that as the lead up to the project continues, there can be a community initiative for patrons to generate similar rhyming taglines.

SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

The trustees talked about the August 9th public meeting. Most of the trustees will be away during our next planned meeting in August, so the trustees made the decision to cancel their August 14th meeting and instead hold a shortened meeting on Thursday, July 27th at 3pm in the Community Meeting Room at the Library.

ADJOURN

President Amy Mincher adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ilsley Trustees will be on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5pm.