

**DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
JOINT MEETING OF THE
LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

April 10, 2025

3:00 PM

This meeting was a hybrid meeting in person and available via the Zoom Conferencing platform.

Call to Order of the Library Building Committee: Co-Chairman Ken Pacheco called the Library Building Committee meeting to order at 3:01 PM

This was a hybrid meeting with adequate and accessible access through Zoom.

- Roll Call: Ron O'Connor (Co-Chair), Ken Pacheco (Co-Chair), Jim Aguiar, Pat Gales, Jonathan Gale, and Mark Procknik. Marc Tavares called into the meeting via Zoom.
- Britt Grealish-Rust joined the meeting at 3:04 after roll call had been taken.
- With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible.

Call to Order of the Library Board of Trustees: Chairman Ron O'Connor called the Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 3:01 PM

This was a hybrid meeting with adequate and accessible access through Zoom.

- Roll Call: Ron O'Connor (Chair), Rita Araujo, and Ann Meitzen.
- With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible.

Pledge of Allegiance: Building Committee members and Library Trustee members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Updates regarding project workstreams

- Building Commissioner Jim Aguiar reported that Northstar began work on the HVAC last week. Jim Aguiar also reported that he and Library Director Mark Procknik laid out the building's interior with chalk lines so that Northstar could place the grilles in the floor without the shelving in place. Jim Aguiar also reported that the Selectmen signed the contract for the exterior doors and two storefronts and Granite City Partners is working with vendors for light fixtures. Jim Aguiar reported that the Town Electrician is working to facilitate the electrical infrastructure for the HVAC but will need a plan to supplement the electrical work of the B-P students.
- ADA Coordinator Jonathan Gale asked if the price and specs of electrifying the exterior doors was included in the proposal, to which Jim Aguiar stated that it was included.

Jonathan Gale also mentioned that he will check to see if electrified doors are required on the interior bathroom doors.

- Jim Aguiar mentioned that he will plan to bring carpeting swatches to the next meeting so that the Committee can make decisions on carpeting.
- Library Director Mark Procknik reported that there is \$204,895.84 remaining in the special article and that the \$200,000 HVAC grant should be spent now that the HVAC work has begun. Mark Procknik also reported that as a result of the CPC meeting last month, the CPC funds will be used to cover the shortfall of Northstar's bid.
- Mark Procknik reported that he will know prior to the May meeting if the project received the ASRL grant he applied for last month. The grant would be funded by a foundation, so there would be no concern about funding getting pulled back.
- Co-chair Ken Pacheco reported that there will be a meeting of the Library Building Fundraising Subcommittee following the meeting.
- Mark Procknik reported that he and Jonathan Gale will be hosting a community forum on April 24th at Old Town Hall regarding updates on the renovations and accessibility and that Cable will record the program. Jonathan Gale mentioned that there will be a second forum held at the Council on Aging in May and added that he is waiting on the final pricing of a few technology components to purchase as part of the ADA Grant.
- Mark Procknik reported that he and two members of the Cable Committee filmed a walkthrough of the building that will appear on Channel 9 and Youtube once the Cable Committee completes the editing.

Review, discuss, act on invoices

- Ken Pacheco requested payment for three invoices from Mid City Steel totaling \$934.60; One invoice from Dauphinais Concrete, Inc. totaling \$1,154.50; Two invoices from Granite City Electric totaling \$1,776.71; Five invoices from A-1 Hardware totaling \$162.00; One invoice from Biss Lumber totaling \$16.80; One invoice from Amazon for two welding blankets totaling \$50.73; One invoice from Airgas USA, LLC totaling \$147.70; One invoice from Drywall Masonry Supplies totaling \$45.43; One invoice from Hound Dog Plumbing & Heating totaling \$9,175.00; Two invoices from Granite City Partners, LLC totaling \$6,155.00; Four invoices from Home Depot totaling \$1,934.86; One invoice from Aquidneck Fasteners, Inc., totaling \$59.84; and Two invoices from Eagle Leasing Company totaling \$522.00.
- Jonathan Gale asked what the invoice for the concrete purchased, to which Jim Aguiar said that was for the purchase of the concrete for the base of the exterior ramps.

- Pat Gales moved to pay \$22,135.17 in invoices from the Special Article. Britt Grealish-Rust seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Ken Pacheco: Aye

Jim Aguiar: Aye

Pat Gales: Aye

Britt Grealish-Rust: Aye

Jonathan Gale: Aye

Mark Procknik: Aye

Marc Tavares: Aye

The motion carried, and the Building Committee voted to pay \$22,135.17 in invoices from the Special Article.

Approve minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting

- Jonathan Gale moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting. Pat Gales seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Ken Pacheco: Aye

Jim Aguiar: Aye

Pat Gales: Aye

Britt Grealish-Rust: Abstain

Jonathan Gale: Aye

Mark Procknik: Aye

Marc Tavares: Aye

The motion carried, and the Building Committee voted to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting.

- Rita Araujo moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting. Ron O'Connor stepped down to second.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye

Ann Meitzen: Abstain

The motion carried, and the Library Trustees voted to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Dighton Public Library Building Committee is scheduled for Thursday May 8th at 3:00 PM and will be a joint meeting with Library Trustees.

Adjournment

- Britt Grealish-Rust moved to adjourn the Library Building Committee meeting. Jonathan Gale seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Ken Pacheco: Aye

Jim Aguiar: Aye

Pat Gailes: Aye

Britt Grealish-Rust: Aye

Jonathan Gale: Aye

Mark Procknik: Aye

Marc Tavares: Aye

The motion carried, and the Building Committee meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM

- Rita Araujo moved to adjourn the Library Trustee meeting. Ann Meitzen seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye

Ann Meitzen: Aye

The motion carried, and the Library Trustee meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM