

Keene Public Library

Building and Grounds Committee

Meeting held 11/14/2024 at 3:30 PM

Members present: Paul Henkel, Marti Fiske, Kathleen Packard, Justin Somma and Andrew Bohannon. Sally Rinehart attended via Zoom.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

Toilet availability – Susan Bloom will consider how the public might be best accommodated so the waiting line at the circulation desk is minimized.

Trail capable walker – Marti is a member of Outdoors Monadnock which is looking into providing a trail capable walker as suggested by Dr. Roger Sweet. This could allow people who use a walker to better negotiate hiking trails in the area.

Acoustic Improvement of Cohen Hall –

Andrew Bohannon has prepared a draft of the Request For Proposal (RFP). Marti will review the RFP and submit it to our consulting engineer Eric Reuter. Andy noted that after the engineer adds technical specifications, the RFP will be submitted to Purchasing. He said a new purchasing system is in place which may result in additional companies submitting proposals.

Limiting the time when we cannot use the hall is of interest to us. We may encourage companies to specify the interval they need to occupy Cohen Hall, and consider that during the selection process.

Electrical Surges – Surges seem to be implicated in recent and repeated damage to HVAC equipment, as well as past damage to elevators. Scott Martin is enlisting Hamblett Electric to find a remedy.

Lighting – Improvement of lighting is needed in the Miller/Vincent Room, and especially in Marti's office. Brighter LED bulbs will be placed in the existing fixtures may be a logical first step.

Old Business – As noted previously, replacement of windows in the youth department is in next year's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). However, the sash on one window has seriously deteriorated and fallen off. So it is being determined whether financing can be found so this might be done sooner. This was not discussed in this meeting. It remains on the agenda.

Paul Henkel, Chair

Next Meeting: Thursday December 12 at 3:30 PM