

Keene Public Library

Building and Grounds Committee

Meeting held 03/25/2025 at 2:00 PM

Members present: Andrew Bohannon, Susan Bloom, Marti Fiske, Paul Henkel, Scott Martin, and Kathleen Packard. Annie Rule, City of Keene Purchasing Manager. Mary Riemenschneider, DDS Acoustical Specialties Senior Project Engineer. Eric Reuter, Acoustic Engineer, attended via Zoom.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

Acoustic Improvement of Cohen Hall

Mary Riemenschneider and Eric Reuter came to a consensus that more surface area than specified in the DDS Acoustic Specialties proposal would be required to achieve the desired improvement in Cohen Hall.

Andy will consult with Engelberth Construction to obtain an engineering judgement about of the ability of the ceiling to support the 2-inch-thick lightweight panels. Scott will consult with the fire department to determine the required clearance around the sprinklers and sensors.

The foam is Class A rated for fire. (Note that means a material has demonstrated minimal flame spread and smoke development under specific fire test conditions.)

Mary will respond with a new technical proposal and pricing. This will include stretched fabric for the framed areas on the walls and for the corners as well as enhanced area of foam panels on the ceiling. Guilford of Maine provides several color choices for the stretch fabric.

Paul Henkel, Chair