

Keene Public Library

Building and Grounds Committee

Meeting held 3/11/2026 at 3:30 PM

Members present: Don Caruso, Library Director Marti Fiske, Jennifer Friedman, Paul Henkel, Sally Rinehart, Justin Somma, Deputy City Manager Andy Bohannon, and Shane Baker.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Lighting

Michael Petrovick and Ashley of Michael Petrovick Architects reviewed the measurements and conceptual work they have done. They indicated that in the stacks, positioning light fixtures at about 8 feet from the ground and shining light both up and down will be most effective.

In the Miller-Vincent Room adding recessed lighting or track lighting was suggested. An opinion of feasibility of recessed lighting has been requested of Hamblett Electric.

They also described a concept for “cloud lighting” over the Circulation Desk. Marti asked whether the cloud could incorporate sound-absorbing material.

Overall cost is broadly estimated as about \$200K based on a typical cost of about \$12 per square ft. of wiring and lighting.

Michael Petrovick plans to attend the March 24 Library Board meeting. His presentation could be scheduled for about 5:30 PM to accommodate his travel schedule.

Andy discussed the project schedule and noted potential for carrying out initial work during the May-June period.

Maintenance.

Heberton floor will be lightly sanded and finished with a water-based urethane varnish. The \$1,500 cost will be covered by the City facilities budget.

Marti and Shane discussed some leaks, which will be patched by Melanson. Replacement of the roof is scheduled in the City’s CIP, potentially as soon as July 2028.

Next Meeting 3:30 PM Wednesday April 8.

Following meeting: May 13.

Paul Henkel, Chair