

Library Renovation Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2021

Attending: Bruce Anderson, Joe Manley, Eric Schoenfeld, Library Director Louise Manteuffel, Project Manager Tom Carey, Library Board chairman Jane Manley, First Selectman Tim Angevine

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm.

1. **Discussion and possible action on ADA renovation project bids.** Two bids were received, one for \$138-thousand and one for \$168-thousand. Both were higher than our original estimates. There was some concern expressed about the ability of the low bidder to complete the project, especially within the time frame specified in their bid. The committee discussed various options, including re-bidding the project and reducing the scope. A question was raised about the status of our State Library grant if we were to move forward without selecting the lowest bidder. There was also discussion about how to make up our current funding shortfall. Louise Manteuffel will check with our contact at the State Library to make sure our grant won't be adversely affected. We will seek to have the Library renovations put on the agenda for the March 2nd meeting of the Board of Selectmen, where Jane Manley will request additional capital funding for the Library renovations in the next fiscal year's budget. The Committee will hold off on making a recommendation to the Selectmen until we have answers to our questions. We will schedule another Special Meeting for next Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:45pm in the Library.

Meeting adjourned (motion by Bruce/Joe) at 6:19pm