

Griffin Free Public Library
Where Auburn Comes Together
To Discover, Create, Connect and Succeed!
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 2, 2026 at 6:00PM
Strategic Planning Session

Present: Nancy Mayland, Chairman; Cindy Berling, Treasurer; Liz Michaud, Secretary; Cindy Berling, Treasurer; Marilyn Cavanaugh, Alternate Trustee; Dan Szczesny, Library Director; Jackie Wood, Alternate Trustee

Absent: Andrea Galasso, Alternate Trustee;

Also Present: Hope Garner; Sam from SMP; Fay and Frank Hanscomb, Jess Traynor

Nancy Mayland called the meeting to order at 6:01

Opportunity for the Public to speak:

- NA

Old Business:

- SMP did a presentation on ideas on how to reduce the cost without giving up too much of the needs.
- \$4Million is the “target bond goal” this is a \$3.1 Million construction project. Assuming we got for a vote in 2027 and build in 2028. Jason & Sam came up with a concept that is flexible and would be approximately a 55 square foot building.
- The big idea is to leave the current building as is, use it only for a museum, storage and scheduled meeting space.
- Create a new building that does not have any large meeting space.
- The concept has no staff restroom, but still has a staff break room and a tech space, a directors office, one study room, a room for 10-12 ppl, and another for 4-6ppl. A Young Adult space, and a very small storage closet.
- It still has outdoor space available, but that’s not essential.
- This concept sets up an opportunity to create an outdoor plaza space between the two buildings that could be used for functions. Space is approximately 30 feet
- This is assuming a new septic system.
- The old building can be envisioned: Front room as museum, children’s room for storage, circulation and adult room could be the meeting room. Or use a large shed for storage, and make the children’s room part of the meeting space which would increase the number of people accommodated.
- We would have to maintain both buildings and two heating systems, electricity, etcetera.

- Nancy asked what would the cost be to move the building? Foundation cost is the same - the additional cost is picking up the building and moving it.
- This concept would be two projects – the warrant article would be for the new building only, we would need to fund changes to the old building ourselves.
- This building is 2,000 square foot
- If the warrant could be for \$4.5 we might be able to do renovations as well.
- Discussion about solar to reduce utility costs and space needed for utilities.
- We can cut furniture from the project and getting that from fundraising and leftover contingency – and that gives us more money to build.
- Lots of discussion about the fact that the two buildings need to be connected with even a long hallway. Maybe it becomes a vestibule with the front room coming into it.
- Jason did a felt pen drawing of an idea that could be developed.

New Business:

- na

Any other business:

- na

Action items

- Nancy to call the company that did the work on the front foundation and see if he can give us more information on what he did.
- Dan to have us put on the agenda for the June 22nd Selectman Meeting.
- Jason to get us a new proposal and then we will need to discuss public events.

Next meeting will be June 22nd at 7:00pm with the Board of Selectman
Motion to adjourn made by Liz Michaud/ Cindy Berling 2nd. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm
Liz Michaud, Secretary