

The Board of Trustees of the North Canton Public Library held a Work Session on Monday, August 21, 2017, at the Library. Mr. Streb called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Fonte, Mr. Fatzinger, Mrs. Pellegrino, Dr. Roden, and Mr. Streb. Mrs. Beinlich joined the meeting at 4:19 p.m. Staff: Sandra Lang, Kelly Boggs, and Stephanie Shaffer.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the building, options for maintenance, repair and improvement, and what steps should be taken next.

Studio Techne Architects made a final presentation to the Board with their vision for renovation of and additions to the Library in October 2016. In December 2016, Mr. Streb, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Boggs attended the annual meeting of the North Canton Library Association and shared the presentation with the Association's board members. The members expressed their concern about adding more square footage and meeting space to the library without an improved plan for adequate parking.

A discussion of the parking situation ensued. The Board would like a formal meeting to be held with North Canton City Schools and the City of North Canton to share the Library's long-term vision, put the parking concerns on record, and attempt to find out more about future plans for the school property across Ream St. This meeting should take place before the November election at which North Canton City Schools' tax issue will be decided.

After the aforementioned meeting has been held, the Building Committee should reconvene and look into the possibility of breaking down the proposed renovation into more phases.

Aside from the parking issue, some of the Board members expressed their priorities for the future improvement of the library, including an improved teen area, community and programming space, and having the library's façade harmonize with other improvements along Main Street.

No new information has been received on the proposed art storage room HVAC improvements. Studio Techne Architects is working on specifications. Offsite storage for some of the valuable pieces in the Permanent Collection was briefly discussed.

Mrs. Lang mentioned the strategic plan, and it was agreed that moving forward with the plan will depend on what is decided about the building. Necessary repairs should continue on the building as needed, but major work should be deferred when possible.

The next regular meeting of the North Canton Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to be Monday, September 18, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting ended at about 5:10 p.m.

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Jude Streb, President

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Megan Pellegrino, Secretary