

**Montague Board of Library Trustees -- Building Subcommittee
19 January 2023 -- ZOOM**

attendance Tricia Perham, Lydia Ievins, Will Quale, Caitlin Kelley, Ariel Shira

3:04pm called to order

Review and approve previous minutes

Approval of 12 December 2022 minutes tabled to next meeting.

Funding the feasibility study for a new Great Falls library building

At the 12 December 2022 meeting, this committee voted to request ARPA money from the town to fund a feasibility study we believed was an early requirement for the MBLC construction grant application, essentially a loan the libraries would repay through reappropriating at Town Meeting already-granted funds for an adjacent purpose. The ARPA request expedited the process.

Subsequent to that meeting, MBLC told us that the grant application process will differ from our expectations (based on previous similar grant programs). This time, a feasibility study is not required up front from applicants (but will be needed later in the process). The MBLC's full guidelines were still not available (anticipated closer to the end of February, with special town meeting happening before that).

So we discussed reverting to a previous idea of requesting Article 27 funds be reappropriated towards this study at special town meeting. Caitlin presented language for the warrant item which had been vetted by Steve, Walter, and Carolyn.

"The Montague Public Libraries wish to appropriate \$35,250, previously allocated to Article 27, for the purpose of supporting consulting and design costs associated with applying for and/or participating in the MBLC MPLC Program."

We approved this with the one suggestion of changing "appropriate" to "re-allocate". [But in the end, following further discussions, the warrant article used "appropriate".]

Montague Center Branch and Old Town Hall forum

We briefly discussed the format of the forum scheduled for 16 February 2023.

3:54pm meeting adjourned