

Town of South Thomaston  
Library and Community Center Facility Committee  
Minutes of meeting XI  
September 8, 2022 at 6 pm at South Thomaston Town Office

Attending:

Sandy Weisman (co-chair)  
Gabe Tomasulo (co-chair)  
Candace Smith  
Catherine Lerme  
Maureen Spencer (on zoom)

Absent:

Moira Paddock  
Marcia Turner

No members of the public present.

S. Weisman called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. There were no adjustments to the agenda, and no public comments.

As there was not a quorum of committee members attending the July meeting, the minutes of those meeting will be voted on at the next meeting.

New Business

With G. Tomasulo leading, the committee began the first iteration of the new building design process. Using the town survey completed in July, each member present wrote down on separate post-its, the name of the space and/or function that corresponded to the survey, approximately how many people might be involved in that space/service, and basic features of that room.

After 15 minutes post-its were posted on the white board and each member presented their ideas. G. Tomasulo re-ordered and consolidated all the information into a discreet number of potential rooms. A lengthy conversation about each of those spaces ensued. G. Tomasulo reiterated that this is the first of several conversations the committee will go through to develop an understanding of integrating various functions of the library / community center into flexible spaces.

G. Tomasulo asked that each member bring photographs of both interiors and exteriors from other library spaces to illustrate the uses of space and functions to our next meeting.

S. Weisman led a short discussion about the status of the non-profit entity, the South Thomaston Library & Facility Auxiliary. Members had each been asked to bring 4 names to the meeting as potential board members, with the understanding that our

committee will forward 3 names total for the Board of Directors. Currently our committee has a list of approximately 10 – 12 names to vet. S. Weisman will work with two other committee members to form a nominating committee and begin the process of talking with individuals in South Thomaston.

Next steps include looking at images brought by committee members that display ideas for the new building, and a continuation of the discussion about spaces and functions of the new building.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 6 at 6 pm at the town offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Weisman, co-chair