

Craftsbury Public Library
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
October 16, 2019
2-3:30 p.m.

Present: Kristen Fountain; Polly Allen; Lise Erickson; Aliena Gerhard; Don Houghton; Ned Houston; Susan Flynn; Jacob Fritz; Susan O'Connell (Library Director)

Absent: Barb Strong; Saul Trevino

Next meeting: 11-4-2019

Agenda: To hear the Library Expansion Committee report on meeting with architects and to vote on the choice of an architect for the expansion project.

Members of the Library Expansion Committee have met with three architects: Sandra Vitzthum, Jamie and Nella Coe, and David Koschak . In addition each architect supplied initial materials and a written proposal prepared after meeting with the Committee for the Committee's consideration.

After review of the meetings and written materials, the Expansion Committee felt strongly impressed by the Coe and Vitzthum proposals. Because there was not an obvious preference, the Committee decided to share their general impressions and specific reactions with the Board of Trustees as a whole. This led to a lively discussion. As time for discussion ran out and people had to leave, Board Chair Ned Houston called for a vote on the choice of one of the leading candidates. In the subsequent vote, Sandra Vitzthum was selected by the Board, and Ned Houston was directed to contact her with the decision. Ned will also get in touch with the other proposers and let them know our decision.

In the decision, the Board considered capacity to work within our budget, communication clarity, understanding of our aspirations and the scale of the project, and scope of services. In the end the attraction of continuity and the desire to sustain the success of the Library's original design tilted our decision to Sandra Vitzthum.

The Library Expansion Committee scheduled a follow-up meeting for Friday at 4:30 pm to outline next steps in moving forward.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.