

MINUTES
BILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by President Dennis Popp. Trustees present were Downs, Frucht, Massett, McBride, Oefinger, Otterness, Popp, Shafner, Tarbox and Zuliani. Trustees absent were Giulini, Hedrick and Neild. Also present were Library Director Wendy Connal and City of Groton Mayor Marian Galbraith.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Removal of fencing between the library and school

Mr. Oefinger gave a brief history of the fence, noting that former director Hali Keeler had requested that the fence be removed to accommodate the needs of Art on Groton Bank. He added that the Town is willing to take the fence down and will also approach DEEP about removal of the fence between the school and the monument. He also updated the trustees on the status and condition of the school.

There was consensus that the trustees have no strong feelings about the fence and that no vote will be taken at this time.

2. Proposed U.S.S. Groton sail monument on school grounds

Mr. Oefinger and Mayor Galbraith explained that the Groton Sail Committee has been looking at 28 or 29 sites and has identified the school and the Costa property on Thames Street as the two preferred sites. Mr. Oefinger distributed the proposed plan for the memorial and explained that he is trying to get a feeling for the opinion of neighbors. The plan as presented spills over onto both library and DEEP property, but may be scaled back if either neighbor has objections. If the plan is scaled back to fit the school property, neighbors including the library would be able to express their opinions at a public information session.

Discussion included the cost of the proposed memorial; the viability of the Costa property; the appropriateness and scale of the project; the relationship of the plan to re-use of the school; parking; and anticipated visitorship as it relates to the library.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Downs, Secretary