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David Middleton • Anne Shannon
Mary Tichenor • Andy Wallace
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Mary Church • Harold Coogan
Dave Fisher • Laurie Guenther
Dave Henderson • Bill Lane
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Library Project Meetings

The public is welcome to attend any committee meeting. Meetings are held at the Mendon Town Hall. The Steering Committee meets at 7:00 pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Subcommittee meetings are scheduled as needed.

Questions? Comments?

More information about the new library project is available at www.townofmendon.org. We welcome your participation and feedback. Feel free to contact Town Supervisor Ian McNabb at imcnabb@townofmendon.org or 624-6061 at any time with questions or comments.

Did You Know?

Our library is only
700 sq. ft. larger than
the average home in Mendon!



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The New Library Project *Where Are We?*

Many hours have been logged on the new library project since late last year. This communication highlights initiatives and progress to date.



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Library Project Steering Committee

Our Town government is committed to moving forward with a new library. On February 11, 2008 the Town Board passed a resolution to create a Library Project Steering Committee. This group of people is charged with overseeing the new library project and advising the Town Board regarding the project.

The Town Board used an application process to select members of this committee. Town Supervisor Ian McNabb, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees President Mark Rowe and Town Board members interviewed each applicant. Members of the Steering Committee were appointed by the Town Board on March 24, 2008.

At the first Library Project Steering Committee meeting on April 2, 2008, three subcommittees were formed:

- Facilities—to guide the design process for the site, building and interior space of a new library.
- Development—to obtain public funds (grants) and private funds through a capital campaign.
- Communications—to share information with and involve the community during the project.

All applicants in the process were given the opportunity to serve on one of the above three committees.

Did You Know?

Our library...

- has 70,000 visits per year
- offers over 100 programs per year
- attracts 3,000 people to programs per year
- loans out 99,000 items per year.

Did You Know?

- The original white brick library was built during the Depression in 1935.
- Local population at that time was 2,600.
- The original 1,000 sq. ft. library now holds our Biography, Young Adult, Graphic Novels, Classics, Career Counseling, Local Government, Science Fiction and Fantasy collections. Additionally this space is a story time room, public meeting area and staff office.

Next Steps

The **Facilities** Committee is focusing on the existing library property at 15 Monroe Street and the recently acquired adjacent property at 22 North Main Street for a new library.

The **Development** Committee is actively pursuing grants, sources of public funds—*other than taxes*—and private funds to finance the new library. A unique grant opportunity for over half a million dollars is available from New York State to offset the construction costs of a new library.

The **Facilities** and **Development** Committees and the Town Board are collaborating to complete the grant application by August 22. Grant requirements include providing funding to complete the project; breaking ground by July 1, 2009; and moving in by July 1, 2011. Once the New York State grant is awarded and goals of the capital campaign are set, a final library design, complete with public input, will be started.

On July 28, 2008 the Town Board unanimously passed a resolution to seek the support of Mendon residents, through their votes on September 30, 2008. Details of this referendum will be finalized by August 8 following which residents will receive an informational piece. The Steering Committee has begun scheduling meetings with community groups and neighborhood associations. Please call to arrange a time for your group.

The **Communications** Committee is beginning development of a comprehensive communications plan.

Library Project Steering Committee Vision Statement

A future where all Mendon residents are eager and engaged life-long learners.

Library Project Steering Committee Mission Statement

- Promote the joys and benefits of reading and research.
- Provide a wide range of educational and cultural experiences by providing space to accommodate our programs, study groups and homeschooling groups.
- House collections that are broad in scope, depth and format to meet the needs and expectations of an increasingly diverse clientele by providing space for us to increase our collection for children, young adults and adults.
- Include specialized areas for children, young adults, study/research, meetings and programs.
- Incorporate new “green” technology to lower operational costs, help our environment and acknowledge the importance of these strategies in today’s world.
- Reflect the character of the village and the Mendon community and play a vital role for generations to come.

Did You Know?

- The addition to the original library was built in 1975. This increased the total space for collections by 2,000 sq. ft.
- Local population at that time was 4,500.
- Today’s estimated population is 8,700 based on 2006 census data.
- This same 2,000 sq. ft. is used today to house Adult, Children’s, Local History and Reference collections, reading areas, two story time areas, computers, a circulation desk and minimal office space. Bathrooms are in the basement.