

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
July 14, 2015, 3:00 p.m.  
Town Hall

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** First Selectman Joyce Okonuk, Selectman Linda Finelli and Selectman John Bendoraitis

**Also Present:** Library Building Relocation Sub-Committee members Julie Culp, Catherine McCall, Maggie McCaw, Cynthia Mello, and Administrative Assistant Linda McDonald

1. **Call to order:** J. Okonuk called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
2. **Discuss relocation options with members of the Library Building Committee:**

C. Mello reviewed the process so far. She said in January 2014 the committee started looking at the relocation process, came up with site requirements, brainstormed list of possible locations to be considered, and short-listed to most viable ending with four (4) options. The process was started again after the referendum and the group met with State Library consultants and the First Selectman. A generic letter was drafted to reach out to facilities in Town who would be open to working with organizations, committees, and youth groups as alternative meeting spaces for the duration of the construction phase anticipated to be 12-18 months beginning spring 2016. The committee will meet with new Superintendent of Schools as the schools remain a viable alternative to storage of materials that would not be used in temporary display during construction. Books have been packed and organized. Space has to be rodent free, dry, and secure.

C. Mello explained that the prime potential location for temporary library is the town side of the Fire Safety Complex (FSC). Weight of the books and space are concerns at the Community Center. The FSC remains empty most of the day and parking is ideal. The temporary location would have to provide computer access.

Use of the Senior Center is key to this relocation due to elections normally being at the FSC. The Senior Center could also be used for the relocation of other events from other locations. The move is projected to start early April 2016 and will continue for about 18 months. The Library Building Committee has a relocation budget to cover costs associated with the temporary move. There may be additional costs to provide air conditioning and increased electrical panels to accommodate the Library needs.

J. Bendoraitis MOVED to endorse the recommendation of the Library Relocation Sub-Committee of the Jonathan Trumbull Library Expansion Committee to temporarily relocate the library to the Fire Safety Complex (town side) for 12-18 months during construction beginning spring 2016. L. Finelli SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

J. Okonuk MOVED to endorse the recommendation of the Relocation sub-committee of the Jonathan Trumbull Library Committee to send a letter to community organizations requesting their assistance in providing up to 18 months of available space to host various community meetings and events during the construction of the library expansion project. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

Discussion followed on putting a news article in the next issue of Lebanon Life with details of the relocation proposal.

Beginning in January 2016, the Selectman's Office will take information on groups that wish to use the FSC and inform them the facility may be temporarily unavailable and provide them with information as to alternatives.

**3. Adjournment:** L. Finelli MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 3:49 p.m. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce R. Okonuk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.