

Brandon Select Board Hearing
Vermont Community Development Planning Grant for Brandon Library
November 28, 2022

NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.

Board Members In Attendance: Seth Hopkins, Brian Coolidge, Tim Guiles, Ralph Ethier, Tracy Wyman

Others in Attendance: Cecil Reniche-Smith, Marielle Blais, Claire Astone, Representative Butch Shaw, Susan Benedict, Gail Cordner, David Roberts, Jack Schneider, Carol Fjeld, Sandy Mayo

Other In Attendance Via Zoom: Bruce Jenson, Isaac Wagner, Patricia Welch, George Wetmore, Angelo Lynn, Jan Coolidge

The hearing was opened at 7:22PM by Seth Hopkins - Chair

Seth Hopkins advised this is a block grant for \$55,180 for the Brandon Library. The notice indicates the funds have been used for the completion of a feasibility study on the Brandon Free Public Library to explore design, costs, and environmental impacts of expanding and renovating the Library.

Mr. Hopkins noted the Town Manager has indicated this is the closeout hearing for this grant. There was a hearing held at the beginning of the process and this hearing is to provide the public the opportunity for additional comments.

Isaac Wagner noted he did not have any additional information to add.

David Roberts thanked the Town for their assistance with this grant. They received the money from an Economic Development Block grant. The funds were used for planning, archaeological work, and other items. It was greatly appreciated and helped the project along. They have received an implementation grant that will help with the installation of ADA items. Mr. Hopkins thanked Mr. Roberts and the Trustees of the Library who have worked on this project. Mr. Roberts also wished to thank Dave Atherton and Jackie Savela for their work and administrative burden as the grant required the Town to be the agent and a pass-through for the Library. Mr. Hopkins noted the Town is glad to collaborate with the Library when it can.

Mr. Hopkins noted this is the opportunity for final comments regarding the grant that was issued to the Town to use for planning purposes for the Library project. No additional comments were made.

The hearing closed at 7:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary