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**Town of Grantham  
Capital Improvements Projects Committee Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2014**

The meeting of the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2014 by Chair Peter Guillette. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South.

Members Present: Paula Bresnick; Peter Guillette; Bob MacNeil; Pat MacNeil, and Richard Valone

Others: Town Administrator Melissa White, Library Director Dawn Huston and Library Trustee Ed Jenik

**Review of project request from the Dunbar Free Library Trustees:**

Library Trustee Ed Jenik explained their expansion project from the time they purchased the property adjacent to the library to the selection of the contractor and the demolition of the house. Jenik explained they conducted a needs analysis, held open houses and finalized the plan that will add 50% more space.

Jenik explained that fundraising efforts are not what they had hoped for so every year they delay the project, the construction costs go up by about \$50,000 per year so they are asking for a bond issue or to obtain the money needed from the town's fund balance.

R. Valone asked if books are becoming a thing of the past especially with books available electronically. Jenik said they have had an increase in patrons' requests for books as well as electronic books (e-books); that libraries are not going away.

There was general discussion regarding the additions the library has done in the past and the costs of construction. R. MacNeil felt the estimates from their contractor are high; that commercial construction costs are around \$200 per square foot.

Jenik explained that businesses have not donated as much as they have hoped for because the economy hasn't come back yet. R. MacNeil asked if the plans had been modified because of the lack of donations. Jenik said yes, that they have modified them twice by reducing bathrooms, storage and meeting space.

Valone asked if they had talked about building new. Jenik said yes but town folk wanted to keep the old building.

Jenik also stated that the library will remain open during construction which adds to the cost of the project.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, P. Bresnick moved to adjourn, seconded by R. MacNeil. **By unanimous vote, the Committee adjourned at 2:53 p.m.** The next CIP Committee meeting will be held on September 16, 2014 at 1pm in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room, 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Melissa White  
Town Administrator*