**Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 6, 2023 6pm by Zoom**

1. **Opening**
   1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Roll call: Trustees, Nancy, Betty, Cheli, Betsy, Marty; Regrets: Jill

Staff & Friends: Chelsea, Ellen, Sara

* 1. Land acknowledgement
  2. Team agreements

1. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Changes to agenda: no Colrain Historical Society under new business.

Betty moved we accept the agenda as amended. Betsy seconded. Agenda approved as amended.

1. **New Business**
   1. Colrain Historical Society: Unable to attend. Chelsea will follow up with them.
2. **Ongoing Business**

The conceptual report from the Conway School of Landscape Design estimates the GML may need up to $35,000 to conduct a feasibility study to determine the costs and requirements of addressing drainage, flooding, security, accessibility, parking, safety, privacy concerns, and the construction of a covered gathering space. There was interest in applying for a feasibility grant from Mass Cultural Council. However, the GML does not meet the eligibility requirements of age and square footage. There was a possibility of using land that the Colrain Historical Society recently acquired to meet the square footage requirement, but that required a deed to the land. The MBLC opened a capital grants application, and Chelsea will go to the info session to learn more. However, that grant’s technical requirements include new construction and feasibility studies for two sites.

So, without any grant money currently, it was suggested to appropriate up to $35,000 from the GML stabilization account to cover the costs. The Town must vote on whether the GML can spend that money, and that will go on a separate article at Town Meeting. An RFP on the FRCOG website will seek proposals for engineering firms to bid on the project.

VOTE: Betty moved we allocate up to $35,000 from the library’s stabilization account for a feasibility study to determine the costs and technical requirements of addressing the drainage and flooding, security, accessibility, parking, safety, and privacy concerns, as well as the construction of an amphitheater or other covered gathering space for library programs and meetings. Betsy seconded. All in favor.

1. **Retrospective**
2. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Cheli Mennella*