

Meeting w/ Community Services
Re: Thomas Memorial Library Planning Committee
June 10, 2013

Present:

Meredith Nadeau Superintendent
Greg Marles Facilities Director
John Christie School Board Chair
Russell Community Service Director
Eric Kramer, Technology Director
Kate Williams-Hewitt School Board

With the 'One Town Concept' in mind and ensuring that all stake holders have been included, as well as to ensure that we are not duplicating work or missing any opportunities I asked the question: What would could be housed in the Library Building that we do not currently have in our community or would like to build on?

A few threads emerged.

A shard building that housed both The Town Library and Community Service
-May save resources from tax payers because the two entities have like purposes

-Both physical sites are in need of updates and repairs.

-Both entities have out grown their building space.

-Both serve Pre School, families, teens, adults, seniors in learning and entertainment.

-Grants could be shared and participation in Programs increased when the two entities collaborate.

For example: The Grant that paid for the speaker would have library sessions as a highlight offerer and Community Service would extend the program, or visa versa.

Building and Grounds details were shared.

- Placement of crosswalks and Safe Walking Paths between schools, Library and Community Service would encourage Health and Wellness for the Community The idea of a Campus connecting School and Town Facilities
Enough Space for Parking, Bikes and strollers.

School District Libraries and The Town Library are the Learning and Information Centers and would benefit from further networking.

The ability to have shared Collections and shared Resources allows for deeper learning for students.

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Subscriptions shared between the Library and the High School for Books on Tape is one example.

Building up collection of appropriate reading leveled material for older readers who read at a lower level.

A Town Volunteer Center could be housed in the Public Library for the Community.

It would be a place where students and adults could volunteer their services to others.

Tutorial Rooms would extend the learning day and are needed.

A Guinness Bar which helps students/adults access research and resources with their technology.

The need for student support after school hours is recognized.

A Teen Center where students could go to work on projects together with a staff member's aide.

The need for a safe space for teens in our community where they are held accountable and accepted for their developmental needs.

- Music Rooms, like tutorial rooms would allow youth to come together in a safe space and play music alone or together
Have taping and Video access for film production.

Performance space.

E.L.L. and new residence informational center together.