

Taft Public Library Rectory Sub-Committee
(Remote due to weather)

Minutes of the February 6th, 2025 Meeting

Attendees: Gabrielle Porciello, James Thach, Leigh Martin, Monika Schmid, Andrew Jenrich

Mendon Select Board Representative: Alejna Brugos

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.
2. The Rectory Sub-Committee was approved at the Taft Public Library Trustee meeting on February 6th, 2025 at 1845. Gabrielle Porciello was selected as the Chair and James Thach was selected as the Secretary/Sub Chair of the Sub-Committee.
3. Discussion was presented about the feasibility study and possible architectural firms to request bids. Members of the sub-committee spoke with Mendon Town Administrator and determined that these types of grants of \$30,000 or less for feasibility studies do not require a three-bid process based on current procurement laws. The discussion continued to use a local small business for this if possible. Also, to ensure we had the list of requirements evaluated to include adaptive reuse of the rectory.
 - a. The sub-committee members agreed that we could reach out to the local small business first and see the response and then move down the list.
 - b. Gabrielle Porciello and Andrew Jenrich said they would reach out the next day to start the process.
4. Discussion was presented to discuss who else should be involved in the sub-committee.
 - a. Monika Schmid brought forward the question if we should have a representative from the Senior Center on the sub-committee to help be a liaison between the two projects. Alejna Brugos stated that there are a few different groups between the Friends of Mendon Elders, Council on Aging and Senior Center Expansion Committee. She stated it would be a great idea to have a liaison.
 - b. Also, the meeting are “open meetings” and the sub-committee will be inviting other folks as needed to ensure we are hearing from other groups and projects that can either support the rectory or could team together down the road.
5. Discussion was presented about the potential duplication of funds.
 - a. James Thach and Andrew Jenrich spoke with the Town Administrator about the assessment being conducted by the town using the firm Abacus. Jeremy stated that this was specifically for the Senior Center project and was not in any way a duplication of funds to use the feasibility grant to evaluate the rectory.

Next meeting will be March 13th, 2025 @7:00

Meet Adjourned at 7:40pm