

Rye Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Public Meeting with the Board of Selectmen
August 21, 2019

Present: RPL Trustees Karen Oliver, Victor Azzi, Dr. Brian Klinger, Karen Allen and Jeffrey Ross; RPL Director Richmond; BOS members Phil Winslow, Bill Epperson and Keri Roman

The meeting was called to order by RPL Trustee Chair Oliver at 5:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Oliver spoke briefly about the findings of RPL's strategic plan and the resulting space needs analysis, which has prompted the trustees to investigate the possible expansion and renovation of the library.

Janet Davis of the consulting firm Clarkson-Davis then presented findings from the feasibility study commissioned by the RPL trustees as part of that investigation.

Ms. Davis' remarks focused on "Scenario 2" of the feasibility study – the concept of a collaborative "Campaign for Rye" in which both public and private funds would be raised over the course of several years (perhaps culminating with the 400th anniversary of the town in 2023) to implement a comprehensive plan for the town center. The plan would be "anchored" by projects such as the renovation of Town Hall and the expansion of the library.

The members of the BOS reacted favorably to the idea of "Scenario 2" and agreed to a follow up meeting with the RPL Trustees after the creation of the soon to be charged Town Center Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. Motion by Ms. Oliver. Second by Mr. Ross. RPL Trustees and members of the BOS were polled and all were in favor.