NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY

Building and Grounds Committee MEETING – Held in person and virtually, using Microsoft Teams

February 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM – In attendance were Tom Kosmala (Chair), Dana Getz (Authority Board President), Amy Steele, Nicholas Yon, Alexis McKinley, Robert Lukitsch, Jayme Kostandinu, Kati Coleman, Kim Englert and Kelley Moten.

II. New Business:

a. New Northland Project

i. Review of Project Status (Bob Lukitsch & Amy Steele) (20 mins.) Amy noted the framing of the new structure was underway and mentioned the addition of Bill Kirk as a volunteer helping with the construction management, explaining that Bill would be a big help in arbitrating the growing number of disputes between the General Contractor and the Architects. Further noted was the upcoming schedule that includes concrete (flooring) and measurement for the windows and doorway.

1. Sprinkler System – Amy explained that the plumbing contractor had discovered a lack of adequate water pressure in the sprinkler system, which will need to be addressed by installing a pump to increase the pressure, as well as some additional valves to properly separate the sprinkler system from the plumbing that provides water to the rest of the facility. This is a fairly complex undertaking as it will need a source of emergency power (generator) to comply with the fire system code. This is an unbudgeted expense which is expected to cost $50,000 to $60,000.

ii. Update on Cafe (20 mins.) – Subcommittee

1. Interviews/Evaluation – Dana began by thanking those who worked on the Café subcommittee for all of the work they put in, which paid off with a number of competitive proposals to choose from. Amy mentioned that the result was the selection of a really good partner who seems to be a really good fit, and will be presented to the Authority

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Board at its February Meeting. Work continues on a lease template and a discussion on the types of food offerings.

iii. Upstairs Rest Room – Amy explained that, due to the cost overruns on the current construction, the rest room design is being dialed back to a very basic design which still incorporates the sensory features, as well as the adult changing table and an adjustable sink.

III. Other business – None.

IV. Minutes from November 12, 2024 meeting (3 mins.) Amy moved approval of the Minutes from the January Meeting, Kim seconded it and the motion to approve passed.

V. Comments from the Public: (5 mins.) None.

VI. Adjournment: Dana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:37, which was seconded by Nicholas – the motion passed unanimously.

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