1. Call to Order & Seating of Members
The Chester Library Building Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT. In attendance were Denny Tovey, Peter Harding, Bob Gorman, Steven Tiezzi, Terry Schreiber, Chuck Mueller, Lois Nadel, Linda Fox and Cary Hull. Absent: Ed Meehan, Pat Holloway, and Doreen Joslow. Chairman Tovey called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Approval of 11/4/15 Meeting Minutes
Discussion: Add Linda Fox to the list of Attendees.

Motion by Schreiber, seconded by Gorman, to approve the November 4, 2015, minutes as amended. Approved Unanimously. Motion Carried.

3. Discussion of Architect’s 11/4/15 Presentation
Each committee member gave a quick review of their thoughts on 5 options that LLB presented. Based on these reviews the Committee concentrated its discussion on options 5 and 8. The following points were discussed:

• Both options were thought to have the greatest solar potential;
• The idea of walking into an alleyway in # 5 was discussed and most committee members felt that entrance needs to be a bit more prominent;
• Overall the floor plan layout of 5 was a bit more favorable than 8 but committee members felt;
• There was quite a bit of talk about the building being too big, the committee felt that we should discuss this further with LLB and hear their thoughts on where we might cut square footage without cutting program;
• There was talk about having a separate room where a group of 6 to 10 may meet. This would add square footage unless the program room was made smaller;
• The ‘Friends’ room should be changed to a ‘storage’ room;
• Discussion of the interior of the spaces and potential ceiling heights vs roof heights. i.e. Why a 20’ +/- high roof when spaces will probably have a 10’ +/- ceiling?
• Instead of a gable roof a shed roof was discussed. This could alleviate any potential problems of snow/water being accumulating onto a lower roof and increase the possible solar potential;
• The general location on site is pretty much acceptable to the committee. Again the only comment was not to encroach to much on the trolley line;
• As you enter the building in option # 5 the building seems to open up more whereas in # 8 (while the entrance is more prominent) the building doesn’t open up as you enter;
• As you enter the building it would be nice to be able to see straight through to the back somehow, that is, no mechanical room where shown on option 5;
• Have a patio/trellis area possibly in the rear of the building in option 5 or in the front in option 8;
• While no definitive decision was made, it appears the committee is OK with not incorporating the public bathrooms for the park into the building design at this point in time;
• Parking Layout was generally acceptable;

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4. Audience of Citizens

Chester residents, Susan Wright, Karen Badger, First Selectwoman, Lauren Gister, and Selectwoman, Charlene Janecek all participated in the discussion of the Architect’s presentation.

5. New Business

Bob Gorman noted that the committee had previously discussed adding a member to the committee that would be from Park & Rec. First Selectwoman Gister would evaluate that option.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Schreiber, to adjourn. Approved Unanimously. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Denny Tovey