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Ramsdell Library Designer Selection Committee
Town of Great Barrington, MA
Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 11:00am
Selectboard Meeting Room, (334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230)

Attendance: Ed Abrahams, Chair (EA), Holly Hamer (HH), Sean Van Deusen (SD), Amanda DeGiorgis (AD)

Absent: Pedro Pachano, Patrick Hollenbeck.

Audience: 2

Meeting called to order by EA at 11:00am.

Questions to be asked of all candidates:

- a) Please describe solutions you have or would make for preserving the facade and historic appearance of the building while providing welcoming access.
- b) Should ramps stand out and be incorporated in the design or be artfully concealed?
- c) How do you see modern day landscaping work with the traditional landscape of historic buildings?
- d) Can you provide a rough timeline of the process?
- e) Are you familiar with the MBLC Construction Grant program? We want to keep the scope of this project within their framework so we can maintain eligibility for a future renovation grant.

Lerner Lads Bartels presentation (11:00-11:40am). LLB discussed their process, background and a few suggestions. Principal R. Drayton Fair, when asked question e), responded that he has seventeen years of experience with the MBLC and that putting a ramp on Ramsdell would not preclude the Town from applying for a construction grant.

During break, HH motion to approve minutes, AD second. Vote 4-0.

EA read out email from PH stating his concerns about the process and that the Committee would leave the taxpayers' on the hook and hurt the Town's chances for a MBLC Construction Grant. EA stated that R. Drayton Fair and AD's discussions with the MBLC implied this was not the case.

Wright Ostermier Landscape Architects presentation (11:50-12:20pm). WOLA discussed their vision, process and experiences.

EDM presentation (12:30-12:55pm). EDM discussed background, projects and asked for clarification on the project scope.

Committee discussed the presentations. HH made motion to accept the proposal from LLB and move forward. AD second. Vote 4-0.

EA made motion to adjourn at 1:09pm. HH second. Vote 4-0.