

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
January 22, 2019  
6:30 PM

Present: Peter Sugar, Chair; Martin Dermady; Jacquelin Apsler; Barbara Myles, Library Director

1) Discussion of January 16 Capital Planning Committee Meeting

Jacquelin summarized the Capital Planning Committee's objections to the library's funding request for parapet repairs. They believe that \$35,000 for scaffolding is too high. Jim Henderson suggested using a tarp to cover the parapets to prevent water from entering the building. Peter, who was not at the January 16 meeting, explained that a tarp would not work because even a small hole in the tarp will let water under the tarp. Jim also stated that the problem was going on for years and accused the library of not taking care of its building.

Our next meeting with the Capital Planning Committee is tomorrow, January 23. We discussed options for parapet repairs.

- a) Ask for another water test and have it done when no moisture is detected on the interior walls. This will result in a better water test.
- b) Put the job out to bid to learn the cost.
- c) The source of the leaks could be the steel tubes that the discs are set on. The steel is not galvanized so they may be rusting. Rusting steel could cause the discs to crack and break.
- d) Neil Rouleau of Boston Recon Services suggested getting rid of the existing cracked discs and cast new discs to replace them.
- e) Martin suggested permanently removing the discs because long term they will require lots of maintenance.

Peter told us that when repairing leaks, your repairs may not solve all of the leaks. In reality, the repairs listed in Boston Recon Services's report are necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Myles  
Library Director