

## **Langdon Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes December 31, 2019**

**Present:** Trustees Jack O'Reilly (JO), Peter Welch (PW), David Turbide (DT), Catherine Hazelton (CH), Library Director Lara Croft Berry (LCB)

**This special meeting was called with limited public notice to address an issue that could not wait for the next scheduled meeting or the required public notice.**

### **Meeting opened at 1:00 PM**

The meeting was called after learning that the proposed warrant article for expanding the parking area submitted to the select board was reduced by that board from \$80,000 to \$10,000. That amount is insufficient to cover the cost of this project and, in essence, is a rejection of the project.

The trustee have worked on this project for years, with the encouragement of the selectmen, and has already spent trustee funds for the engineering work. This is an important project for the library.

It was agreed that the trustees and library director should meet with the select board to "make the case" for this warrant article in an attempt to get the full amount restored for presentation to the town at town meeting in March. JO has arranged for us t meet with the board on January 8 at 5PM before their next meeting.

If the selectmen does not do so, the trustees will prepare and circulate a petition to put a replacement warrant article before the town for the \$80,000 for the parking area project. The select board does not have the authority to change the amount or purpose of a petition-based warrant article. We would prefer to have the selectmen on our side, but will take this alternate route if necessary.

**Board meeting adjourned** - moved by JO seconded by DT, passed 4-0 at 1:51 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** David A Turbide, board secretary