

Minutes  
Manchester Public Library Board  
April 12, 2021  
21st Century Public Library Task Force

Attendance: Miriam Byroade, Jessica Scorso, Ashley Odell, Joyce Hood. Also, Task Force members Stephen Ristau and Liliana Polley and from the Town of Manchester, Stephen Stephanou, Brianna Smith, Nico Arias, Norma Nevers, and Douglas McDonough.

Meeting began at 7 pm.

Town Communications Manager Brianna Smith and Recreation Supervisor Nico Arias updated the Task Force as to the capabilities of the Town's software platform 'Your Voice Matters' with examples from the recent process of obtaining public input into the long-range Master Plan for municipal Parks. It was stressed that before the Library Board posts surveys onto this platform it first needs to clearly define specific subject areas about which to inform the public as well as information to request of the public.

At some future point, the Library Board might ask the Board of Directors for funding for a building consultant or architect to determine actual square foot requirements and detailed building plans (with cost estimates) but that is beyond the scope of the current process, which is to produce a report by September listing "the appropriate set of services and requirements for a 21st Century Public Library."

A first-draft Survey For Public Input was reviewed. It includes a listing of possible features in a future library. It's good to be future-thinking in communicating to residents. Both quantitative data and qualitative suggestions will eventually need to be gathered. It is tentatively planned to have another meeting on this topic on April 26.

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas McDonough