

Williamston Community Library Foundation

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The following Trustees were appointed by their respective community governing bodies for two year terms starting in January, 2003 and ending with the Annual Meeting in January of 2005:

Township of Williamstown Ed Noonan
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City of Williamston..... Larry Wittrup

Pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 2 of the Bylaws, at the January 22, 2003 Annual Meeting, the following Foundation officers were elected for 2003:

President:Ed Noonan
Vice President:..... Dan Slider
Secretary:..... Susan Graff
Treasurer:.....JoAnn Hegedus

In December, 2002, the Foundation resolved to retain David Milling and Associates, an Ann Arbor library architecture firm, to conduct a Williamston library building site selection workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to evaluate all possible library sites with specific, objective criteria established by the participants, then select two sites with the most promise.

After considering more than thirty suggested sites, on April 17, the Foundation posted the ten judged to have the most potential onto the World Wide Web for public viewing.

On April 30, Foundation Board members and the architects visited eleven sites in the City of Williamston and narrowed the list to four which were to be the primary focus of the workshop.

On May 20 forty area residents attended a site selection workshop conducted at the Library Annex by architects Dan Whisler and David Milling. After extensive public discussion of all the sites and others, consensus was reached that the Foundation diligently pursue the acquisition of sites 1 (NE corner of High and Putnam) and 5 (SW corner of Middle and Putnam) and further consider its options with respect to site 2 (current library, without including the demolition of City Hall or that site).

On May 28, Foundation President Ed Noonan wrote to the corporate owner of Site 5 advising of the site's selection at the public workshop, and requesting a meeting to discuss the site. Subsequent contact by Foundation Trustees St. Pierre and Noonan with that corporation's facilities manager resulted in a tentative willingness to sell Site 5 to the Foundation for fair market value. The Foundation located a property appraiser and resolved to pay the appraiser for his services, but the corporate owner of Site 5 refused to allow the appraiser to proceed until they had made a corporate decision whether to sell the property. As 2003 came to an end, the Foundation was advised that the corporate owner's Board of Directors would decide on January 29, 2004 whether to make their property available for sale to the Foundation.