

**LIBRARY BUILDING TEAM MEETING  
HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY**

**JULY 25, 2007**

**ATTENDEES:** Barry Gaw, Nancy McDonald, Sandy Ray, Tink Taylor, Skip Van Sickle, Larry Webster, Bruce Whitmore

**ABSENT:** Bob Ritz, Bob Rothschild, Leigh Sharps

Minutes of the last meeting were approved with the exception of adding Tink Taylor as being absent.

Barry Gaw summarized his Due Diligence document. The majority of respondents to the survey want the library to stay where it is, keep its appearance as much as possible, and have it cost the least. The memorial has to be 10 feet away from the exterior perimeter of the current septic system. Physical characteristics of the site, what is possible, what is not possible. Upgrade for handicap access is driving the project. That opens up opportunities for grant money which we don't have now. At the same time, a lot of specific requirements are part of the project -- space around the bookstacks, height of the stacks, etc.

The Board of Trustees and the staff are not trying to create the ultimate library. We need to know where we can make concessions and what we can realistically do. Meeting space needs are first and foremost for the Library's needs and then the town's needs. Last week's children's program had approximately 100 people in attendance -- way too crowded. We need a larger meeting room (40-50 people). Need for more parking and rest room facility.

Long range plan is for the community of Holderness. Ability to build anything in Holderness is not there. We need to be current, up-to-date, in space. Average number of patrons per day has been 35.

Children's space in today's libraries are required to have their own bathroom but that is not feasible in Holderness. We need more adequate space for children.

Some of the group would meet with DES to apply for a waiver to the 50' setback. The Team walked the property to determine where the addition would be placed. An architect would have to be hired because it is a public building. Initial graphics could be prepared by members of the Building Team. Barry Gaw will set up a meeting with Regina Nadeau, environmental attorney with Normandin & Cheney law firm, who can help facilitate the setback requirements with the State.

The August meeting will be determined after Barry has met with Attorney Nadeau.