



OCTOBER 29, 2007 MEETING WITH JIM LASH AND WAYNE FOX

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At approximately 8:00 a.m. on October 29, 2007, Dik Glass, Jeremy Kaye, Andy Fox, Leslie Tarkington, David Ormsby and William Kowalewski met with Jim Lash and Wayne Fox to discuss whether the Committee could engage outside counsel to assist in making applications to the various municipal departments which will be required for the project. A secondary issue was whether counsel from Greenwich could be engaged or whether there would be a need to obtain counsel from outside of Greenwich. A concern had been raised by the Law Department and, apparently, the Planning and Zoning Commission that utilizing a local attorney might result in a conflict situation, since local attorneys are often engaged in litigation with the Town over an approval obtained or not obtained.

Mr. Lash indicated that utilizing the services of a consultant, such as Eric Brower, might work well for the Committee. Mr. Brower has done work before for a number of Town projects. Mr. Brower is not an attorney, but is a land use expert. He might be able to work in conjunction with an attorney, or perhaps by himself.

Mr. Lash indicated that he did not think using the services of a local attorney would be objectionable. Since, however, the Law Department would need to engage the attorney officially, the attorney would have to be acceptable to the Law Department.

Ms. Tarkington expressed reservations about using the services of an attorney since it was her understanding that other building committees had not previously used one. Mr. Lash indicated that the Library and Bruce Museum projects had used outside attorneys to assist in their presentations. Ms. Tarkington noted that the Library and Bruce Museum have a charitable designation (IRS). Mr. Kaye noted that he did not think that was significant in distinguishing the Committee's project from theirs.

Mr. Lash again indicated that he did not have an issue with the Committee engaging outside assistance, either via someone like Mr. Brower and/or a local attorney.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 a.m.