

**The Brookfield Library
New Library Committee
10-6-2015**

Present: Anita Barney, Debbie Brooks, Christina Cumberton, Maizie Jaffe, Cathy Lasser, and Betsy McIlvaine. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Meeting Room 129 by Christina Cumberton..

Christina provided an update on the meeting with Jan Howard, a Gurski family relative, on the meeting she attended with Jan, Cathy Lasser, and Joni Park.

At Christina's request, committee members expressed their preferences for a location for the new library:

- Cathy Lasser noted that she prefers the Town Hall location since it is easy to find and visible. If the Town Hall location did not work out, Cathy said she likes the idea of possibly integrating a library into the Gurski Homestead property while at the same time making improvements to the existing Gurski buildings.
- Maizie Jaffe expressed her feeling that the library should be very visible and be an integral part of the town.
- Christina noted that the Conservation Commission has not discussed or agreed to allow a library at the Gurski property. Conservation Commission meeting is Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. Christina and Maizie will attend.
- Betsy McIlvaine confirmed there is no viable space at Four Corners. She again suggested Center School as a possible good alternative for its central location, but it was agreed that the timing of securing funding for a new school would be many years away.

Library Board Meeting will be on November 18, where Christina will present the New Library Committee's recommendation for the location.

Next Meeting: October 21 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. ***Note time change!***

Meeting notes submitted by
Debbie Brooks