



PUBLIC NOTICE of SPECIAL MEETING:

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1 pm
at Bitterroot Star Office, 115 W. 3rd St., Stevensville**

Meetings are open to the public.

An informal meeting to discuss building projects and buildings in Stevensville with Library Board members, and Bob Thomas, Stevensville Community Foundation Community Center Chair, and Bob Wolfenden, local developer.

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Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Minutes

North Valley Library Board

Special Meeting

January 23, 2020, 1pm

Bitterroot Star office

Board Members Present: Victoria Howell, Leon Theroux, Kim Tiplady

Guests Present: Bob Thomas, Stevensville Community Foundation, Bob Wolfenden, Principal, R.T. Wolfenden Co. Inc.

The meeting was convened so board members could hear about the potential of building projects and buildings in Stevensville to house a new library and community center. Developer Bob Wolfenden is considering purchase of property in the 400 block of Main (the old feed mill) where Montana Bob's antique store is currently located. He has proposed building a 3-floor structure, with the library and community center on the ground floor and residential spaces on the two upper floors.

Bob Thomas shared some background on the attempt by the Stevensville Community Foundation (SCF) to build a community center and the recent move towards a building partnership between the library district and the SCF.

Wolfenden shared some of his history as a developer. He also went over several ways that the project could happen: long-term lease, long-term lease with option to purchase, or "condo-izing" the property so that the library district could own the library (not the ground underneath).

Wolfenden said that he could build the structure and then the library and community center would have total control over the designs of their respective interior spaces (build to suit). He suggested that there might be a way to design both spaces with efficiencies in mind so that, for example, the bathrooms and kitchen could be shared. Wolfenden said all entities would have input on the exterior design.

He said he has already made one offer on the property but sellers rejected it.

Those attending agreed to discuss the proposal with their respective boards as soon as possible and then get back in touch with Wolfenden.

Meeting adjourned about 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Howell, NVLP board chair

