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From: wendy72nh@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 6:06 PM
To: * City Clerk; Gmail
Subject: Support Penacook Plans

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Dear Mayor, City Councilors, and staff,

I would like to thank you all for your diligence and thousands of hours of work dedicated to the many projects associated with Penacook.

I am in support of the city spending the \$1.3M to purchase the land on Community Drive in Penacook for the new site for the branch library and community center. The partnership with the Boys & Girls Club is one I support and know is in the best interest of the families and children in our area.

The new branch facility will address many of the current shortcomings of our current site and I believe it is a step in the right direction for the village of Penacook and all the library patrons of the Concord Public Library.

It is extremely important to me (and others) that library services are continued in Penacook especially with the expansion of the community with the new housing developments being planned. Libraries are an essential part of a community and provide services for all which cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Your support of the Concord Public Library and its branches is most appreciated.

Thank you for your service and dedication to the residents,
Wendy Follansbee
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Secretary, Concord Public Library Foundation
Secretary, The Penacook Historical Society

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From: Ruth Perencevich <rperence@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:36 PM
To: * City Clerk
Cc: Reagan Bissonnette; Wendy Follansbee
Subject: support Penacook Community Center and Library Branch

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To the Concord City Council,

The quote on the new Concord Public Library/ Melissa Miller book mark is as follows: The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library--Albert Einstein. And that is as true today as when quoted in spite of, maybe because of, ever expanding technologies, as a place to find enjoyment and education, to find access to necessary resources for all people, as a place to learn about our heritage and history, a place to be, to gather, that is safe and reliable. Since libraries were founded...and the NH State Library was the first state library in America founded in 1717...libraries have been there for their communities, putting people and information access first each and every day.

Concord's libraries do their job but they need our help! I have been an advocate for a new/renovated Main Library and still believe that is a critical need, not just a want, for Concord. But more pressing now is the Penacook Branch of the Concord Public Library and I am in total support of the \$1.3 M proposal to build a new library and community center for Penacook, along with an expansion of hours, services and programming for this deserving community. As above, libraries are vital to a healthy community and we need to keep Concord's library and branches available, current and reliable, safe and accessible.

I urge each of you on the City Council to vote to approve the proposed spending in support of a Penacook Community Center and Branch Library. Many thanks for your hard work and commitment to the city of Concord and its residents.

Sincerely,
Ruth Perencevich
Concord

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Reagan Bissonnette <reaganbissonnette@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:21 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Support of Penacook Library Proposal

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Dear City Councilors,

I am writing in support of the proposal for the City of Concord to spend \$1.3M to build a new community center and library in Penacook. I have been a long-time supporter of Concord's library services and currently serve as the President of the Concord Public Library Foundation.

Having visited the current Penacook Library branch with my young son, I am aware of the challenges with continuing to use that space for library programs and services. While the proposed new space would be smaller than the current Penacook branch, a new facility would have better accessibility and programming options for Penacook residents of all ages. I have enjoyed bringing my son to the Concord Heights library branch for story time, and I understand a similar design concept is being considered for Penacook.

Thank you for considering the needs of Penacook residents when planning for the future of Concord's library services. Maintaining a library presence in Penacook will ensure that vital library programs and services are accessible to all community members in Concord.

Sincerely,

Reagan Bissonnette
Ward 5 Resident

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From: John Ransmeier <johnr@ranspell.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:25 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Penacook Library Facility Proposal

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Dear City Councilors:

I am writing as a member of the Board of the Concord Public Library Foundation to enthusiastically support the pending proposal that the City invest in a new library facility as a component of the Penacook Community Center project.

For years, the City has maintained a branch library in Penacook operating in a facility which has become physically inappropriate and impractical due to a variety of maintenance problems. The Concord Public Library Foundation has been troubled by the inadequacies of the current facility, the risk that Library services would be terminated, and we have hoped some solution would emerge that would permit library services to continue in Penacook in a more appropriate venue. The proposed new facility will afford less space, but the newer facility should be convenient and accessible for patrons making use of the community center for other purposes. On balance, this proposal presents a practical and cost-effective solution which is especially timely due to the housing expansion that is likely to occur in Penacook. Accordingly, I urge you to approve the proposal.

I gratefully recall that, back in my student days, I spent a lot of time in the Main Library working on term papers due upon my return to college after the New Year. The Main Library, as a home for my efforts, was very different from the reduced library facility envisioned for Penacook. The Main Library, too, needs major improvements and deserves your attention, but the large needs of the Main Library should not deter you from approving the small and needed Penacook project.

With thanks to all of you for your good work for our City.

Sincerely,

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