



## Location Team (BOF/BO) – June 29, 2023

*Our mission: To be a compassionate, welcoming community that nurtures spiritual growth and practices justice.*

### Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Greg Turosak (team lead), Ann Hutton, George Huston, Kim Reid, Gail Bishop, Dave Pesch, Walt Rothwell, Erika Fetterman

1. **Call to order/reading/chalice lighting.** Greg called the meeting to order and provided a reading. The chalice was lit.
2. **Update on June 21 meeting with Haverhill Township Board.** This meeting was attended by four members of the Core Team and/or Location Team: Ann Hutton, George Huston, Greg Turosak and Dave Pesch. Besides the township board members, the township's planning person, Roger Ihrke, also attended the June 21 meeting. George mentioned that Logan Tjossem of Widseth engineering had earlier brought up the idea of staying in the township. Dave added that Logan believed the approval process with township would be shorter than the process with the city. At the meeting, Ann introduced our church as new neighbors in the township. Roger Ihrke said it makes sense to seek city annexation for the portion of our new property where the building and parking lot would be. City services are available right to the property line. If we opted not to seek annexation and built in the township using a septic system, then once the septic system failed or needed major repair then we would be required to be annexed and hook up to city services anyway, he said. Township officials did not indicate any issue with leaving the remainder of the property that the city did not annex within the township. After leaving the meeting, in the township hall parking lot, George, Ann, Dave and Greg discussed that it made sense to pursue a split option – seeking annexation for part of our property and leaving the remainder in the township. For one, such an approach gives us more leverage regarding any bike trail requirement the city may attach to approval of our development plan. Kim asked if annexation involved a flat fee or a per/acre fee; Dave replied he believed it is per acre. Gail said she supports a split approach to annexation. Dave said that he and John will be meeting soon with city officials to further discuss the trail issue. He said his hope is that there will be no mention of a bike trail in the development agreement with the city. George raised the issue of the advantages for financing solar energy if we two parcels, one in the city and one in the township. Discussion led to suggesting Alex Higano to contact Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light regarding details about solar and to report back to the BOF Core Team. Looking ahead, another meeting with Widseth is scheduled for July 12, and annexation will be a discussion item. George said Locus architects need to know our annexation plan. Kim said it's possible the board may decide on annexation at the July 19 meeting, giving time for the Location Team to make a recommendation at its July 17 meeting and the Core Team to make a recommendation at its July 18 meeting.
3. **Update on deliverables from Widseth, our civil engineering firm.** Kim said she handed off a signed contract to Widseth yesterday. She said she's a bit concerned that Widseth has not yet scheduled a surveyor to walk the property with people from UU to stake the boundaries. (Dave contacted Widseth during the meeting, and by meeting's end reported that Widseth said the survey would take place this week.)

4. **Update on resolving easement issues on Walden Lane property.** Greg said he contacted the Ohly law firm earlier this week, sending materials relevant to the easement matter and hoping to set up a meeting with attorney Jim Ohly soon. A person in the office confirmed receipt of the materials and said that Ohly would be on vacation soon, during the week of July 3-7. Greg said he will follow up with the Ohly firm about setting up a meeting once Ohly returns from vacation.
5. **Update on inventorying contents of our building.** Erika said she has worked with Metcalf Moving & Storage regarding a quote for moving and storing items from our church if necessary. The two quotes that she received (no packing on Metcalf's part) are: (1) Move our belongings from Walden Lane to Viola Road site -- \$4,640; (2) Move our belongings from Walden to Metcalf storage, \$5,125 plus \$625/month storage fee. Discussion on subteam mentioned earlier to inventory church belongings: Greg said he had talked to Barb Foss about heading up the team and she agreed. Erika said she had contacted Ronice Donovan, who said she would like to participate. Greg said he would contact the other suggested name, Marge Dahlen, to ask her to participate as well. Walt asked that he be along on inventorying, and Greg said he would convey that to Barb. Walt also said that he already has done work on inventorying archival and other historical material.
6. **Update on damage to western part of Walden Lane property.** Erika gave an update on the damage to the western edge of our Walden Lane property as a result of a contractor accessing the neighboring home's backyard for grading and tree removal related to a playground project. Reseeding and other mitigation work will proceed, Erika said. She also said a concrete company will repair the adjacent damaged sidewalk panels.
7. **Other.**
8. Adjourn

**Upcoming Location Team meetings:** July 17, July 27, Aug. 17, Aug. 31

Respectfully submitted, Greg Turosak (team lead)