

Library Trustee Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2017, 6PM

Trustees Present: Beverly Heyduk, Jane Ramsay, Duncan McNeish, Paul Eldridge, Pam Coburn

Absent with Notice: Miller Lovett, Ann Butler

Others Present: Erin Apostolos (director), Betty Strader (alternate trustee), Jim McFarlin (alternate trustee), David Carkhuff from Laconia Sun

Meeting called to order 6:02 PM

- I. Jennifer Goodman Tabled-will try for 2/21 meeting. *Action: Erin will contact Rusty McClear, Bob Manley, Andy Lane and Justin Van Ettan to let them know when she attends.*
- II. Secretary's Report-**Minutes from December 13, 2016 Trustee meeting approved. Please remember to sign minutes at front desk.**
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Market value \$842,892.28
 - b. **Treasurer's Report approved.**
- IV. Library Director's Report
 - a. **Vote on Encumbrance of \$16,500 approved.**
 - b. Discussion on ice safety. *Actions: Chris Leland will bring issue to Town Safety Committee. Beverly will contact Baptist Church about maintaining pathway.*
 - c. Article in *Laconia Sun* on Tuesday. Erin made copies of articles from *Meredith News* from today and distributed.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Bylaw Review: tabled. *Action: Beverly will contact Ann about doing this.*
 - b. Outreach Committee Update-Meeting Tuesday 1/17 at 10:15 at Library. *Action: Erin needs to post this.*
 - c. Fundraising Committee Update-*Acton: Jim is now the Chair and will set a meeting.*
 - d. Policy Committee-*Action: Erin will set a meeting.*
 - e. Miller's letter attached to minutes and posted online from our Website-Duncan makes a motion to attach the letter. Pam seconds. Discussion. There was concern that attaching a letter to the posted minutes would set a precedent. It allows the party to write and post their opinion without rebuttal. Motion does not pass with Duncan the only trustee voting in favor of attaching the

letter. It was decided to further discuss this issue at the Jan. 24 Strategic meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. Report on meeting with BOS-Beverly stated that likely most trustees were as disappointed with the meeting as she had been. She felt Ron had been derailed by the suggestion that a new, separate library building be built in the library parking lot. There was discussion about the trustees giving the presentation instead of Ron next time. Pam said that there seemed to be three opinions at the meeting: trustees stating that the best decision for our library patrons is to build a new library; fear of Main Street shop owners that losing the library would somehow lose an “anchor store” on Main Street and would mean more closed up businesses; and the Select Board who would not give an opinion one way or the other.

Erin felt that three facts were important: one, 90% of our patrons are not using Main Street shops or restaurants before or after coming to the library; two, we need a solution for the current building that will bring shoppers/diners to Main Street; three, in discussions with local library patrons many stated that in their opinion Main Street shops are closing, because they felt that there wasn't much on Main Street for locals to do. These are things the outreach committee needs to look into.

What is our message? Yes, we have thoroughly vetted staying in the building. It will cost at least \$1,000,000 more and will not solve our parking issues, give us a building all one level for better staffing and ADA compliance or save on energy costs in the long term. It will not give us anywhere to go in the future as we will be out of land. Therefore the trustees voted to build on a new site. Save money and get more for your money. Need to find a way to streamline this message. Outreach Committee will work on this.

There are a lot of issues to deal with and the trustees felt we need a separate meeting, which will occur on Tuesday, January 24 at 6PM. *Action: Duncan will contact Ken Jones and Brian Swanker regarding meeting to discuss safety concerns in current building and future library plans. Action: Must prepare for Public Hearing which is Monday, February 6 at 4:30PM.*

- b. Staff New Year's party is Friday Jan 20. Asked to change time to close library to 3-5. Pam makes a motion, Duncan seconds, motion carries unanimously.
- c. Warrant Article Due February 7. *Action: The trustees will meet with Byron Bidard to discuss the warrant article on Thursday, January 19 at 9AM in the library function room.*

- d. 2017 Trustee Budget-tabled until Feb. 2 so that Duncan can double-check cash on hand from the trust. Will need vote.
- e. February Meetings-There will be two trustee meetings in February. Feb 2 at 6PM to discuss warrant article and vote on Library Budget. Feb. 21 at 6PM for regular trustee meeting.
- f. Nominating Committee-*Action: Beverly will contact Ann regarding setting up committee.*
- g. Other Business-Upcoming Meetings
 - Tuesday, January 17 at 10:15AM-Outreach
 - Thursday, January 19 at 9AM-Byron Bidard
 - Tuesday, January 24 at 6PM-Strategic Planning
 - Thursday, February 2 at 6PM-Warrant Article, Trustee Budget, Final prep for Public Hearing
 - Monday, February 6, 4:30PM-Public Hearing@ Community Center
 - Tuesday, February 21, 6PM. Regular Trustee Meeting

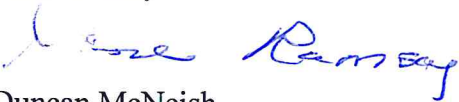
VII. Motion to adjourn at 7:15 made by Paul seconded by Jane. Motion carries unanimously.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 9AM with Byron Bidard.

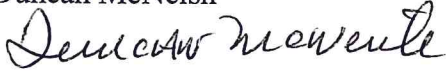
Respectfully submitted,
Erin M. Apostolos

Beverly Heyduk

Jane Ramsay



Duncan McNeish



Paul Eldridg



Pam Coburn



