

Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2013 Called to Order: 9:10 AM

Trustees Present: Rhetta Colon, Duncan McNeish, Ann Butler, Colleen Nolan, Paul Eldridge, Mary Richardson, Pam Coburn

Alternate Trustees Present: Kate Miller

Absent With Notice: None

Others Present: Erin Apostolos, Director; Judy Hodges, Assistant Director, Beverly Heyduk, President, Friends of the Meredith Library.

This meeting was called for the specific purpose to begin discussions of a master plan for the library.

Duncan reported on his latest conversation with Jackie Bonafide.

It was noted staff involvement is critical. Concentration on the children's area is important, a staff break area and working area are needed. More parking is needed.

It was noted the population of Meredith is older.

Other items discussed:

- Fire and safety codes are current issues and there was discussion to present a graduated plant to the Select Board for resolution. (Nolan & Colon)

- A warrant article for 2014

- The Nichiporik fund – possible endowment? (McNeish)

- Talk with the town about what the building uses could be. (Eldridge & Heyduk)

- Have a building plan including current repairs/capital campaign to incorporate both. (Heyduk)

- Address the perception of “no more books” not being accurate. (Erin & Colleen)

- Talk to staff (Labreque and Edgar) about the town buildings now. (McNeish)

- Report to the public about library successes and growth issues that have and continue to arise. (McNeish)

- Public education is important for all aspects and phases of this project; contact Belknap Co. Development office.

- Reach out to LRGH re: their capital campaign.

- Talk with Peter Benson, NH Charitable Foundation

- Talk with Maggie STier, NH Preservation Alliance (Apostolos)

Task Assignments:

- Find a facilitator (Erin, all of us)
- Talk with LRGH (McNeish/Eldridge)
- Talk with Miller Lovett (Coburn)
- Talk with NH Veterans' Home (McNeish)
- Talk with John Edgar (consider other sites) (Nolan)
- Talk with Gilford library (Colon)

Suggestions:

- Write a monthly column/send pictures to the newspapers.
- Send out press releases of future meetings.

Motion to non-public session at 10:22 AM: Butler; Second: Nolan. Board Polled: Aye: All.

Motion to seal the minutes: Butler; Second: Richardson. Aye. all.

Motion to adjourn: Eldridge; Second: Richardson

Ann Butler
Secretary

Attachments: None

Approved: _____

Special Trustee Meeting to Discuss Master Plan
January 14, 2013
9:00AM

- I. Can we agree on a shared vision for the library?
 - Short Term-Library's immediate needs for preservation and maintenance
 - Long Term and future needs-?

- II. Formation of a Master Plan Committee?
 - MP Committee-Composition and number?
 - Search for a Master Plan Facilitator/Consultant?

- III. What will libraries of the future look like?
 - "Libraries of the Future in Plain English"
 - "Future of Libraries-With or Without Books"
 - Interview with Thomas Frey-by Tom Sloan

- IV. Other resources?
 - NH Preservation Alliance
 - National Trust for Historic Preservation
 - NH Charitable Foundation
 1. North Country/ Lakes Region Rep Peter Benson
 2. NHCF Management of MPL's Fund(s)
 - Trustee Training-NH Center for Non-Profits
 - Spreading the word about the library's needs

- V. What's the next step?

- VI. Other?

- VII. Non-Public Session