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 plan 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 STiier, 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