



Nesmith Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday September 12, 2017
Minutes

Present: Trustees: Patricia Barstow (Chair), Tara Picciano (Vice Chair), Mark Branoff (Treasurer), Michelle Stith (Corresponding Secretary), Cathy Robertson-Souter (Recording Secretary), Neelima Gogumalla

Director: Carl Heidenblad

Assistant Directors: Diane Mayr, Sylvie Brikiatis

Absent: Karen Marcil (Assistant Treasurer)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. by Patricia Barstow.

- Mission Statement: read by P. Barstow
- Minutes: the minutes from the August meeting were accepted
- Gifts: no gifts were received
- Correspondence: No correspondence was received

*Discussion held to move Story Garden update forward in the agenda. *

Ongoing Business: J'aime Slocum from the Garden Club and Mom's Club provided update of Story Garden construction. Pergola is in place as are sitting stools and pine picnic table. Plan is to add raised flower beds that may be used for vegetables in future. The Garden Club will maintain all plantings. Discussion held regarding outside water spigots needing repair to assist in watering plants.

The project has been sponsored by Home Depot (fencing) and Delahunty's (loam and annuals). Home Depot has also provided staff to help install fencing.

A sign listing donors (donor tree) will be posted on a fence inside the area. Rules (clean up trash, etc.) will also be posted and wording for rules was discussed.

A dedication of the area will be held on September 23 at 6 p.m. with an outdoor movie and snacks for the children. The event will be advertised to members of the Mom's Club and Garden Club.

Future expansion was discussed with the possibility of extending the existing brick walkway to the gate of the Story Garden. Additional play structures may also be included.

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report:** Approximately 2/3 of the year has passed and the library remains within budget, with 64.8% of the appropriation spent.
 - The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7.
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Director's Report:

- The carpeting project is ongoing with several closures of the building planned in order for movers to

shift furniture for carpet to be installed. At this point the library will be closed on the 22nd and 25th of September as well as October 2. The library will be open with limited access over the intervening weekend.

- Employees will be given the option of taking time off to avoid dust etc. during installation.
- Budget - as presented does include a cost of living increase (COLA) of 2%, the same as for all non-union town employees.
 - The GMILCS cost may rise this year, as reflected in the budget
 - There is a difference of approximately 42,000 in the total budget, most of it on the personnel side.

Motion: Made by T. Picciano to approve the budget as submitted in the amount of \$1,161,160 subject to any future additional changes that Town Administration may implement in the Personnel portion of the budget. Seconded by M. Stith. Vote: 7-0 in favor.

Announcements:

Next scheduled Trustees meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Robertson-Souter

FINAL DRAFT: 10/17/17