

Board of Library Trustees
Minutes 09/20/17

Present: Jeanne Ivas, Kathie Fitzgerald, Chris Smith, Sarah Summers, Victor Posada, Monika Brodsky, Judy McConarty (director), and Ellen Allen (selectman).

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Additions to the Agenda: Motion to approve naming rights for specific rooms and/or areas of the proposed new library.

Approval of Minutes and Reports: Deferred

Library Project Committee: Ellen noted that the Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant is now open and that the library building project article needs to be reviewed by legal counsel and finalized. Ellen gave updates on the financials regarding the new library project. Town Treasurer Darleen Sullivan recalculated borrowing models with revised numbers (the initial calculation assumed that the grant covered 40% of project costs rather than 42%). Discussion followed regarding the use of an online calculator for residents to calculate individual property tax impact, and also how best to convey this information at the STM. Sarah suggested that a statement from the Superintendent of Schools to let people know that there is no need for a new high school any time soon may be helpful. The Library Project Committee meets again on September 21, the Foundation meets on September 24, and the Friends meet on September 26.

Judy, Jeanne, Monika, Chris, and Kathie will attend a MBLC workshop on the dos and don'ts of getting out the vote and capital campaigns on September 25 at the Cary Library in Lexington. Jeanne and Judy will attend a grant recipient's meeting on September 28 in Plymouth.

Jeanne will give a brief update on the library building project to the Town Democratic Committee on October 10. Jeanne and Judy will give the Norwell Women's Club a tour of the current library on October 11 and update them on the building project. Sarah and Jeanne will speak to the Norwell High School PTO meeting on October 12. Monika will speak to the Vinal PTO on October 18. Other PTO speakers and dates TBD.

New Business: The LPC requested that the Trustees approve payment of up to \$5,000 to Architect Stephen Hale Associates to develop cost estimates for a renovation only and a renovation plus 5,000 square foot addition, said money to come from the Marjorie Pote Trust. Jeanne so moved and the Board approved unanimously.

Jeanne moved that the NPL Board of Trustees formally vote their support for the article seeking local funding approval for the library building project at the Special Town Meeting on 12/4/17. The Board voted unanimously in favor of supporting the article.

Judy advised that Emily Goodwin should be paid at a rate of \$30/hour for Assistant Director work completed in Judy's absence. Also, Emily may be available on a temporary basis until the AD position is filled. Jeanne moved that Emily should be paid \$30/hour and the Board approved unanimously.

Next meeting: October 18, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Recorded by Monika Brodsky