

Minutes for NPL Trustees meeting on November 15th, 2017.

Meeting Called to order at 7:09 PM.

Present: Chris Smith, Kathie Fitzgerald, Jeanne Ivas, Monika Brodsky and Judy McConarty (director)

Judy presented the directors report.

There is no update of the Friends as Jeanne was unable to attend their last meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 in the library. Diane (Young Adult librarian at NPL) will represent for the library staff at the next Friends meeting as Judy is unable to attend.

Jeanne and Judy went to the Open Meeting Law event. Other trustees were encouraged to view this new information online.

Library Building Project:

Discussion of vote which recently occurred for Kingston's new library. At first did not succeed in getting a yes vote by a close enough margin that they voted again. Vote passed by a margin of 3 votes. Town clerk is planning for 200 voters for precinct. We need at least 400 votes in order to project to go through. Discussion of Robo calling, some resistance as it was suggested most people no longer have a landline. It was proposed that if we do go forward with Robocalls that we make certain they come from a 659 or 781 number, as callers are less likely to accept or listen to a call from an 800 number. Message should be only "come out and vote".

Christ suggested offering rides to seniors who can't drive themselves to the town meeting.

As of now there are 128 Vote Yes lawn signs that will be assembled and placed this weekend. If people request them we can make more.

There will be one more information session on Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 PM in the town hall in the Osborne Room.

Discussion ensued of having floor plans and library design boards at town meeting – we will. If allowed we will also have flyers available by these boards. Jeanne will check with town if this is ok.

Ellen Allen will present article for new library vote at special town meeting December 4. Tim Green, chair of Advisory Board, will voice their group's support.

Chris spoke with the Churchillers neighborhood group, who are very supportive of a new library and Sarah spoke to the Boosters Club regarding the project.

All agreed a statement by the trustees was important to present at town meeting. Chris will write up and review with other trustees.

Discussion of postcard mailing resulted in mixed thoughts on a distribution date. It will depend on when they are able to be printed, but it was agreed that they should be out by the 27th.

We will have our next trustee meeting at 6:30 PM prior to the Information Session on November 30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.