

NHPL Library Trustees Meeting Minutes  
10/21/2015

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm. In attendance were Susan Grant, John Kollmorgen, Kelly Parrott and Susan Leonardi, Barbra Dewing, Marcia Gagnon
2. The meeting minutes from September 2015 were approved.
3. Old Business
  - **TD Bank** – Susan Leonardi to go Christy McCullen to see what happened with the reimbursement of the fees..
  - **Optima Bank** – Barbara send contact
  - **Chairs** – New chairs will be ordered from National Business using the Dan Brown monies.
  - **CIP** – Kelly and Susan sent edits sent to Cynthia Swank for annual report.
  - **Municipal Facilities and CIP Meeting** – John attended the last CIP meeting with the Municipal Facilities Committee. The Select Board presentation would be made **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. This delay was to price it out properly. Ron told the committee he needed more time. Phasing was discussed. Library was mentioned to go on Homestead. Library to be used as Temporary Quarters for other departments. Mr Miller would like the Trustees to think about other options in the town. The Dearborn Park (baseball fields) was suggested. Mr. Miller remarked that the library is not the most important entity in the community and that if there is any construction it should first be the police and fire departments. A public hearing will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Lorreen Keating** – After 15 years, Lorreen resigned as Youth Librarian effective Sept 28th, and accepted a new job in New London, NH at Tracy Memorial Library. A farewell open house was held for her on Sept 18th from 3-6 pm. The job is posted and we are receiving resumes.

4. New Business

**Connie Margowsky, Youth librarian**

With Lorreen’s departure, the library trustees and staff embarked on an extensive search for a new youth librarian. Together, the trustees and staff interviewed quite a few people for the position and selected Connie Margowsky.

We felt that Connie’s background, warmth and diverse experience were exactly what North Hampton needed. She will be in charge of all programming for children 0-18 years of age to include programming, collection development and maintenance, readers' advisory, displays, community outreach, working with the school and other community organizations providing services to all the children of North Hampton and working the front desk at times.

Connie previously worked at the Berwick Public Library, Somersworth Public Library and Rollinsford Public Library. Previously she spent 30 years as a loan officer for a mortgage company and is also an adjunct professor at the New Hampshire Institute of Art. She holds a bachelor’s degree in art history from Smith College as well as a certificate in library and information science from the University of Maine Augusta. She earned an advanced certification from Maine State Library.

At Berwick Public Library, Connie was very instrumental in establishing a Maker’s Program and Maker’s Camp. The idea behind the maker program is a place where people can come together while making things working in particular with computer programming. We look forward to starting a similar program in North Hampton.

## Upcoming Events

Haunted Historic James House	Thu, October 29 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Grant to contact North Hampton Police Department to determine Trick or Treat Night. Concerned that this may conflict with the Haunted Historic James House presentation on Thursday October 29.	

## Proposed MOU

Kelly to reach out to the NH Library Trustee Association about Rick Stanton's proposed MOU. We expressed concern to Rick about the following points in his Draft MOU.

\* the principal sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000).

*We don't believe we can agree to this number at this time without the total costs --- at this point this is an arbitrary amount. If we won't know the total costs until 30 December. This number may be adjusted up or down.*

\*old library shall be vacated no later than June 1, 2017

*This should be a goal date -- vs. a drop dead date -- without a construction plan this is hard to commit to this date*

We are not sure why the MOU calls out the trustee responsibilities in the Other items -- these are NH RSA already and don't belong in the MOU. <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xvi/202-a/202-a-mrg.htm>

We also have building committee and a capital campaign committee but not all this work will be done by the trustees. I think it is important to call out that the trustees may appoint a building committee and have a capital campaign committee.

5. Librarian's Report – The reports were distributed in advance of the meeting and no major issues were noted.