

NHPL Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

3/23/2016

NHPL& CC Trustees Meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm. In attendance were Susan Grant, Judy Day, Kelly Parrott and Susan Leonardi and Barbara Dewing.

1. The February meeting minutes were discussed. No notable changes.

2. New Business

a. Town Campus

- Article 6 – Town Campus by Petition was defeated by a vote of YES 708- NO 844.
- Article 7- Safety Center was defeated by a vote of YES 595 - NO 954.
- Article 27 – Library on Homestead was defeated by a vote of YES 488- 947 NO, which calls for the Homestead deed to be transferred to the trustees. The legality of such a transfer is known to be very questionable.
- March 8 election resulted in 41% or 1,577 of residents voting.
- Trustees expressed frustration in the election and negative behavior by the community in light of stealing signs, desecration of a grave, and vandalism of a trustee’s property.

b. Trustees

- Welcome to Judy Day our newest trustee. The Trustees rotate positions annually and for the coming year:
 - i. Susan Leonardi, Chair, – term expires 2018
 - ii. Kelly Parrott, Treasurer– term expires 2017
 - iii. Judy Day, Secretary – term expires 2019

c. Select Board vs. Trustees

- Judy wanted understand the “lines of demarcation” between the Select Board and the Trustees in terms of responsibilities. It was suggested that Judy attend the new trustees conference sponsored by NHLTA. This conference is held annually in Concord in April. Judy indicated that she would also reach out to Paul Apple for clarification.

d. Portsmouth Athenaeum

- Judy spoke with Karen at the Portsmouth Athenaeum and wanted to see if there is a way to have a greater partnership with the Library. According to their website they do have memberships at different levels (Friends, Subscribers, and Proprietors). Judy indicated she will do some additional research.

e. Portsmouth Music Hall

- Judy had some free movie passes to the Portsmouth Music Hall movies that she will donate to the library that we can raffle. Thank you!

f. CIP

- Judy and Susan will attend the upcoming CIP meetings. These meetings are held at 8:30 on Fridays making them very difficult for Susan and Kelly to attend due to their work schedules.

3. Old Business

- a. TD Bank Account update. We have received a credit of \$250.00

4. Financial Reports

The Financial Reports were reviewed and there were no anomalies. The library is looking to purchase a new monitor.

5. Librarian's Report

Susan presented the Librarian's report. The staff wants to revamp the library with new paint, drapes. We discussed ways in which we could help volunteer. The staff will begin to sort through the attic to determine which items could be discarded or removed for long term storage. We discussed providing each employee \$50 for Staples gift card or Amazon to purchase office supplies that would enhance their work area. Other items discussed: blinds, removing some of the old art work, replacing the drinking fountain, removing the storage ("out house") shed in the entry way, better locks on the public bathroom, better signage.

6. Youth Librarian's Report

Connie announced that in cooperation with Chiqui Jimenez from Winnacunnet High School that we will be offering a Spanish Class. Looking for Library patrons to only pay for materials and have the library offset the costs. Planned for 3 hours a morning for 2 weeks.

Connie attended Children's Librarians of NH (CHILIS) spring conference on March 17 and will be attended the Seacoast Library Consortium.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 20 April 2016.

8. ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.