

Board of Trustees Meeting
Walpole Town Library
January 9, 2018

Present were: Kate Nerrie, Bert Nelson, Carole Cramer, Gail LaHaise, Jean Kobeski, Fred Ernst, Peggy Pschirrer, Barbara Lounsbury, Justine Rogers, Rose Werden, Shirley Capron. Absent: Jeanne Ramey,

The Meeting commenced at 4:35 p.m. with Fred distributing the Confidentiality Policy form for Board members to sign and return to Justine.

Carole moved, Jean seconded, all approved (8-0) the December Minutes.

Bills: All approved (8-0), the January bills with inclusion of the Branch's bill for books: \$200.60.

Treasurer's Report: Gail moved, Barbara seconded, all approved (8-0) Kate's distributed December report. She commented that every bill was paid, and that was \$717 left in the checking account.

Gail moved, Carole seconded, all approved (8-0) to accept Kate's distributed 2018 Budget. It was noted that annual renewals in January accounts for the high amount indicated.

Old Business: Board Membership renewal was discussed. Terms for Carole, Jeanne and Barbara are up. Carole will not be running. Presumably Jeanne will be. Amy Howard will run for an open position on the Library Board. Barbara said she is undecided about running again but will stay until the end of January and if somebody wishes to run, she will not. Gail said some members on the Fund Raising Committee (possibly Christi Winmill and Becky Pearson) seem interested. Regarding, Fred relayed the NH Library Association's recommendation for Board membership terms that encourages turn-over.

New Business: Jan 17 the Expansion Committee will meet with Dan Scully and Barry Bellows. Barry is to come back with a number amount at the end of February.

- Justine presented her wishes for moveable stacks that would allow for more book space and handicap accessibility. She said there are three price options for the moveable stacks: (1) \$100,000 for the total arrangement. (2) \$60,000 for just one side. (3) Install rails on both sides \$8,700. Kate suggests we put all on hold until we get answers from Barry. Gail said if we lay the tracks for the stacks first, we can do the rest incrementally. Carole said, and all agreed, that installing moveable stacks for renovation is progressive and logical for the Library's future, and may attract a donation, or donations for them.

- Barry cut a hole in the DVD ceiling that will be repaired during construction.

- The letter and pledge cards were sent out Mon. 1/8. The Fundraising Committee will be responsible for thanking donors. Kate said there is about \$40,000 in the Bank, and \$60,000 pledged at this time. There is about \$200,000 had at present. The next step will be decided at the

Committee's next meeting.

- The second phase will be going out to membership as a whole. Fred said we have lots of work to do re. Jean said more coordination is needed, and that there is an upcoming breakfast meeting with the Committee slated.

Library Reports: Walpole: Justine distributed her report for "Technology in the Library." She and Carole recommended more electrical outlets in rooms for future technology.

- Justine and Fred met with the Youth Services Librarian at the Rockingham Free Public Library in Bellows Falls re that Library's technology and services. Justine and Julie will start with one of their successful programs in February for children called "Coding," and they also spoke about contacting middle school teachers who may have students who need supplementary computer instruction which the Library could provide.

Branch: Rose distributed the Branch's 2017 Annual Report Summary, saying Circulation was down a bit compared to 2016.

- Talk followed about computer usage in the Branch.

Building & Grounds: Carole is working with Jeanne on furniture for the renovation.

Publicity: Fred said to put information about the progress of Library Expansion in the "Clarion."

With no further business, Gail moved, Bert seconded, all approved (8-0) to adjourn at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Capron, Secy.