

Milton Free Public Library

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Milton Free Public Library Trustees Minutes July 9, 2015

Attendees: Laurie Palmeira, Les Elder, Betsy Baker, Larry Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Les Elder.

Les Elder presented the treasure's report. As of June 30, 2015, 51.3% of the budget had been expended. The town grant fund contains \$455.00 as a payment of \$7,545.00 was debited for ordering the handicap access lift. The MFPL Capital Reserve Fund has a balance of \$35,617.79. Of that amount, \$18,086.00 is pledged against the existing LCHIP grant, which leaves a balance of \$17,531.79. The 2014 Trust Fund has a balance of \$20,172.76 although there was discussion of this amount being lower due to a bill that was paid out of a differing budget that should have been debited from the Trust Fund account. Les will verify and obtain the correct remaining balance. The checking account is currently at \$1,116.50.

Laurie Palmeira explained that she will ask for a three month extension for the handicap lift grant from the NH Council on the Arts Grant. Final reports are due from the Trustees as of July 31st, however the lift will not be installed by the end of the month.

Larry Brown moved to approve the June 11, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Les Elder seconded. All in favor.

Les Elder noted that it would be helpful if individuals in the community would reach out to their state representatives about supporting the various grants that the library has recently obtained. It is important that the legislature continues to back these needed funds to restore historic properties in the communities.

Discussion ensued regarding the library computer policy. Betsy will present a final draft of the policy at the next meeting.

Larry Brown made a motion that the Trustees authorize the payment from the 2005 Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$15,580.00 to Mills Construction, Inc. PO Box 906, Sanbornville, NH 03872 for recent work on the library as recorded on Town of Milton PO# 15161 as approved on June 25, 2015 by Pat Smith, Town of Milton Public Works Director. Les Elder seconded. All in favor.

Betsy Baker gave the librarians report. The patron count for June was 322 which included 188 adults, 46 teens and 88 children. The NH Downloadable Books patronage was 6 magazines, 35 audio books, and 59 e-books. The second story egress is almost finished, but the second floor of the library will remain closed for the time being.

Last week the library welcomed Merick Bennett who presented a fabulous workshop on creating your own comics. There were 19 children present, 1 teen, and 9 adults. Everyone had a great time.

Betsy noted that she is on the beginning stages of preparing the 2016 budget. Les Elder suggested that the spreadsheet for the budget contain the previous three year allocations for each line item as well as the actual monies expended.

The next regular meeting of the Library Trustees will be at the call of the Trustees.

Les Elder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM. Larry Brown seconded. All in favor.

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Les Elder

Laurie Palmeira

Larry Brown