



Milton Free Public Library

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Milton Free Public Library Trustees Minutes October 2, 2014

Attendees: Laurie Palmeira, Larry Brown, Betsy Baker, Les Elder, Susann Brown, Mike Beaulieu, & Barbara Hughes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Les Elder.

There was a discussion with the Library Friends regarding a flowchart of Common Goals, Responsibilities, and Authorities. The Trustees would like to ask the Library Friends to present them with an outline of gardening plans every spring for any new plantings they are anticipating throughout the spring and summer. Any additional plantings outside of the existing beds will need the Trustee approval. The Trustees will then take the planting plan to the Selectmen for final approval allowing everyone to plan accordingly.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of beginning a telescope lending program at the library. There is currently a program through the NH Astronomical Society that caters to the needs of libraries. Betsy suggested the possibility of speaking to Nute teachers to see if there was any interest in administering a possible program. Les made a motion to give Betsy the authority to explore and research the necessary policies and procedures that must be in place prior to starting a telescope lending program. Larry seconded. All in favor.

Betsy Baker presented the Librarian's Report. Patrons for the month of September 2014 numbered 268. The number of patrons utilizing the downloadable book consortium numbered 61. Betsy will be attending a CHILIS (Children's Librarians of New Hampshire) conference next week in Greenfield, NH.

Discussion ensued around the Library Friends having their own NH Library Trustee Association membership as there are resource materials on the website that can only be accessed through a paid membership. Les noted that the Library Friends should discuss the benefits of such a membership at their next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the wording of the 2015 library warrant article as well as the CIP community meeting being held at the Nute High School cafeteria on Wednesday, October 29th.

Betsy presented a listing of past due materials that the library has been trying to collect on. Betsy will look into different options that might be helpful in collecting overdue items and perhaps updating the library policies regarding overdue materials.

Approval of Minutes - Laurie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 4, 2014 as written. Larry seconded. All in favor.

Les presented the treasurer's report. As of September 30, 2014, the library had used 69% of the operating budget. A \$100 donation was received towards building repairs. \$937.84 is the current checking account balance. \$24,000 is the current balance of the Library Repairs and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and \$21,181 is in the library CRF. \$35 was obtained from the Guilt Jar at the library.

Mike Beaulieu presented the status of the library building repairs. Mike informed the board that R.E. Plante will have the plans drawn up next week for the new fire escape and access ramp. Mike believes the repairs to the library will still be completed sometime this fall.

The next meeting of the Library Trustees will be November 6, 2014 at 6PM at the library.

Les Elder closed the meeting at 7:53PM and Larry seconded. All in favor.

Les Elder

Laurie Palmeira

Larry Brown