



Milton Free Public Library

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Milton Free Public Library Trustees

Minutes

October 9, 2019

Attendees: Larry Brown, Nancy Drew, Miranda Myhre, Betsy Baker

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairperson Larry Brown

Minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting: Larry moved. Miranda 2nd to approve the Minutes with corrections to show who had made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and to add "d" to place. All in favor, motion carried. Corrected copy will be available for signing in November

The treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$2,651.21, and an ending balance of \$2,624.73. Minus a check for \$90, plus \$63.50 from the guilt jar and \$.02 interest. Treasurer Randy received \$30 cash from the guilt jar and a reimbursement check for \$37 from Betsy. This was double counted and \$67 will be deposited in the trustees' checking account. Larry Brown moved and Nancy Drew seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report and have it placed on file with the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Betsy Baker presented the written librarians report. The patron count for September, 2019 was 279 patrons including 187 adults, 7 teens, and 85 children. The year-to-date patron count totals 4315 of which 2743 were adults, 464 teens, and 1108 children. The Downloadable Books Patron Count for September totaled 206 transactions and consisted of 101 audio books, 100 e-books, and 5 magazines. The year to date count totals 877 audio books, 849 e-books, 35 magazines for an annual total of 1761 transactions. The Library continues to grow its services to the community. By the end of this September more people had used the library than in any other complete year! Larry Brown moved and Randy Myhre seconded the motion to accept the librarian's complete report and have it placed on file with the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Betsy presented the Budel Construction invoice (\$148,634) for the completed phase of construction on the Library Restoration Project.

Motion #1: Larry Brown moved to expend up to \$108,000 from the 2005 Free Public Library Capitol Reserve Fund. Miranda Myhre seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Motion #2: Larry Brown moved to expend up to \$21,679 from the general ledger account 09-3290-096. Miranda Myhre seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor, the motion carried.

The remaining balance of the \$148,634 will come from the L-ChiP grant as previously awarded. A copy of these minutes will be forwarded particularly to the attention of the Board of Selectmen to clearly show the allocation of funds, and fund sources for the Library Restoration Project. The minutes show both the funds used and the statutory authority of the Trustees to access those funds.

Betsy thanked all who helped to make the Bell Tower Reception on October 5th a success. Many adults and children from the community came to celebrate and admire the restoration.

The library furnace was discussed. Betsy was informed by the company that came to perform the annual service maintenance that the furnace no longer works. Betsy has been working with Public Works Director, Patrick Smith to remedy the situation. Decisions will have to be made based on the weather and temperatures regarding when the Library can remain open.

Plans are in the making by businesses for a “Milton Mills Stroll” to take place on Saturday, November 30th. Discussion focused on ways that the Library can be involved.

There was no public comment.

The next Library Trustee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October 16th, at 1:30 PM at the Milton Free Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM by Chairman, Larry Brown. Miranda Myhre moved to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Drew. All in favor, the motion carried.

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Larry Brown

Miranda Myhre

Nancy Drew