**MN Spear Library Trustee Meeting**

**May 21, 2018**

Members present – Kate Cell & Michele Regan-Ladd, Co-Chairs, Savanna Ouellette, Jaime Donta, Brad Foster, Michele Cunningham, and Mary Anne Antonellis – Library Director

1. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as written.
2. Director’s report reviewed. Tag sale on Saturday generated about $800. Discussion about the Spring Spruce-ups – how successful this year, 19 yards and 31 volunteers. Discussion about the sense of community that this fund-raiser created. Discussion about programs offered, such as, strength training and yoga has been very popular. Town Recreation Committee picked up the yoga class and one session of the strength training class. Director’s report was approved as written.
3. Roe Waltos, from the MBLC, meeting was reviewed. Roe and the MBLC appreciate how much our library is used, our circulation is very high, and how much programming is offered. Roe did not view the previous library plan as excessive. There hasn’t been a big increase in library construction costs over the past few years. Notes were taken on the library planning grant process and the building proposal process. Savanna took extensive notes which Kate will type up. We will have to consider more than one site again. The next planning/design grant will probably be out in 2020. The construction grants are then awarded two – three years later. To be ready we have to have a Long -Range Plan, which we did last year. MBLC Funds cannot be used for a shared space. The library can serve as a center for our community, but not an “official” community center.
4. Kayak discussion about release for usage, that each person using the kayak must sign the release and only the person that signs the release can use the kayak. There will not be a seasonal release, people must sign the release each time they take out a kayak.
5. Joint meeting with the Friends – they haven’t had regular meetings recently, they often meet when they are working an event. Possibly meet in September. Mary Anne will do a Doodle Poll to see what works for people.
6. June Meeting – Monday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

M.N. Spear Memorial Library

10 Cooleyville Road

Shutesbury, MA 01072

Mary Anne Antonellis, Director

Director Report, May 18, 2018

**Funds saved for a new library as of May 10, 2018**

Friends’ New Library Account: $159,792.05

Barr Ashcroft: $13,770

Town held private donations account: $4,887

Town held as of July 1, 2018 : $177,700

Grand total: 356,149.05

This total includes funds from Valley Gives Day and Spring Spruce Ups. 31 volunteers completed 19 jobs! Susie Mosher coordinates Spruce Ups. We are fortunate to have her on our team.

**Programming Funds contributed by the Shutesbury Council on Aging, spring 2018**

Due to a decrease in use, the COA under spent their Med Ride budget this year and found they had extra funds. I approached them with a request to collaborate on some of our programming that has appealed to folks in their service group. The COA has contributed $1,525, which has been used for yoga, strength training, and line dance. They also funded a pass to Historic Deerfield.

**Chief of Police Search Committee**

I was asked to serve on the search committee for a new police chief to replace Tom Harding who is retiring June 30th. The committee has met twice and has selected candidates to interview on June 5th.

**IMLS grant**

On Monday, May 14th I attended the final project meeting for the Empowering Public Libraries to be Science Literacy Resources. This was a long process – 36 months. I focused on health science and offered the following programs with the grant funds.

Vaccines 101

Neuroplasticity for the Maturing Brain

Go with your Gut – a program about gut bacteria

Mindful Eating

Strength training

Healthy Eating for kids

**Tag Sale**

**Saturday, May 19th, 9 am – 2 pm, at Town Hall.**

A benefit for the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library with half the proceeds for the Friends’ general fund and half for the New Library Fund.

Stop by the browse our huge selection of baby gear, books, toys, bikes, clothing, tools, plants, furniture and household items.

The best time to bring donations is between 8 – 10 am on Saturday.

Programs coming up soon

**Ukulele Strum-Along with Julie!**

**Monday, May 21st, 7 pm, at the Library**Free monthly ukulele strum-along. Bring your uke or borrow one of ours. Learn new songs. Other instruments welcome.
Sponsored by the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library.

**Library Knitting Group**

**Wednesday, May 23rd, 7 pm, at the Library**
Bring your knitting and knit with some good company.
Local knitting enthusiast, Nancy Logan will be on hand to offer support and guidance for ongoing projects.

**Strong & Sure: Strength Training for 50+**

**Five Fridays, June 1st through June 29th, 9 am, at Town Hall
Priority will be given to beginners and new participants who can commit to all five weeks.**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - please call 259-1213

Registration will be open to returning students on May 25th as space is available.
Kathy Sward will teach a five-week series of strength training classes.
Bring a yoga mat, a yoga block and dumbbells.
Funding for this series is provided by the Shutesbury Council on Aging and the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library.

**Therapeutic Yoga** with Kathy Sward

**Five Saturdays, June 2nd through June 30th, 9 am, at Town Hall**

**Preference given to participants who can commit to all or most weeks.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED - please call 259-1213**

Therapeutic Yoga refers to the adaptation & application of yoga techniques & practices to help individuals facing health challenges at any level manage their condition, reduce symptoms, restore balance, increase vitality, and improve outlook. It is gentle, slow, and restorative methods are incorporated into the practice. No yoga experience necessary.

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