

Minutes
Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library
June 21, 2021

Attendance: Director: Mary Anne Antonellis, Co-Chairs: Michele Regan-Ladd, Brad Foster, Savanna Ouellette, Melanie DeSilva, Michele Cunningham, Tim Logan: Trustee Elect - Absent: Kate Cell

Mary Anne shared the meeting disclaimer and availability of recording.

Approvals:

Minutes from May Meeting approved unanimously with edits. No Director Report this month.

Debrief of Town Meeting:

Town Meeting was very successful for the library. There was a significant amount of support for the pilot project application and the Warrant Article was approved by well over a majority vote.

Small Library Pilot Project Grant Letter of Intent.

Trustees reviewed this letter and provided feedback. Mary Anne will proceed with bringing the letter to the Selectboard for approval and signing and send the letter to the MBLC. Depending upon their response the next step will be a site visit and meeting with town officials to discern support for moving forward, with both intent and monetary (reserves, borrowing capacity, etc.), as well as a visit to the current library and potential building site. The trustees are the ones who approve the site, once the steps for that are completed. Site 032, twenty acres on Leverett Road, is a possibility and some of the necessary steps for approving that site have already been taken, including survey and perc test. Once the MBLC decides what town(s) fit in to their protocol they will work closely with them on the design stage. Site must be chosen by September 30, 2021. The Trustees will choose a site that meets the criteria for best practices, based on updated water and soil testing, and then make a recommendation to the Shutesbury Selectboard, who has the authority to make decisions about town property. Work is being done on Lot 032 to remove the current structure on the site and abandoned garbage on the site. Behind Town Hall is another possible option.

Long Range Plan expires at the end of September and Mary Anne will be doing 3 community meetings via Zoom to discuss the plan. Dates are: Tuesday June 29, 6:30 – 8:00, Thursday, July 8, 6:30 – 8:00 Monday, July 12, 6:30 – 8:00 People will register and the link will be posted.

Thank-you to Michele Cunningham for her years of service as trustee. Welcome Tim Logan.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40.

Next Trustee Meeting July 26, 2021, 7:30 via Zoom

Agenda:

Approvals

Elections of Trustee Officers

Library Director Job description/compensation discussion.