

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library
January 8, 2024 7:30pm, in-person
Minutes

- Members present: Michele Regan-Ladd, Mel DeSilva, Brad Foster, Elizabeth Murphy, Tim Logan
- Mary Anne Antonellis: Library Director
- Approved November 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Approved: Michele Regan-Ladd-yes, Mel DeSilva-yes, Brad Foster-yes, Tim Logan-yes, Elizabeth Murphy-yes.
- December 18, 2023 meeting was cancelled due to illness.
- Director's Report:
 - Certified therapy dog coming to the library once a month.
 - An induction cooktop has been added to the library of things collection. Was borrowed today by someone whose stove broke.
 - 4 new story time backpacks added to the collection. Now we have a total of 9 backpacks.
- Annual report submitted by library director. Unanimously approved. Michele Regan-Ladd-yes, Mel DeSilva-yes, Brad Foster-yes, Tim Logan-yes, Elizabeth Murphy-yes.
- Building Committee Report:
 - Design development was completed and the cost estimate is at \$8.6 million.
 - Good perk test done – raised system will be required.
 - Construction bidding expected to occur in April with construction on track to start in late spring/early summer.
 - Reminder that the state grant is paying 75% of the eligible cost of the library. We're only \$120,000 off from our budget goal and fundraising will continue.
- Fundraising update:
 - Giving Tuesday: \$53,000
 - Turkey Trot: \$15,000
 - Soups and Stews: about \$1000
 - Bottle and cans bring in more than \$3000 a year
- Friends of the Library
 - They will be using Network for Good again for this year.
- New library name: We need a community conversation about it.
- Thank you notes: Mary Anne will work with Michele and Kate on this.
- Conservation Commission Meeting- this Thursday evening- notice to conversation commission that we need the commission to permit the building. We need to explain why the building will be in the buffer zone and what mitigation will be done.

Next meeting: Monday, February 12th at 7:30pm - hybrid

Respectfully submitted by Melanie (Mel) DeSilva, Secretary, Library Board of Trustees