

Call to order: 7:02pm at Wadleigh Memorial Library.

Present:

Shirley Wilson, acting
Kathy Parenti
Judy Gross, Chair
Laura Dudziak, BOS representative
David Rysdam, Secretary
Lynn Coakley, Treasurer
Betsy Solon, Director
Sarah Sandhage

Director's Report:

STAFF NEWS

On July 11th, 12 staff members attended a workshop on Active Shooter Training presented by Captain Pelletier of the Milford PD. It was a great session and gave us some good ideas of topics for the Library Staff Development Day on Oct. 5th. Katie's YA National Pride Month display was featured in both the Cabinet and the National Telegraph and garnered much positive feedback on the Milford Facebook page.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Summer Reading program has been extremely popular among all age groups. The Children's programs have had impressive attendance (at least 70 participants for most activities) . Over 350 people attended the magic show on June 27th. We've put together a paper flyer for July and August adult programs - if it is well received we will continue producing flyers each month.

FACILITIES

We opened as a cooling center on Sunday, July 1st - about 55 people took advantage of our AC and the free water provided by the Fire Dept. Our Facebook post about being open was shared over 2000 times! The exterior Front entrance stairway has been replaced - it looks amazing! (according to staff and patrons.) New signs were installed regarding library-only parking. We have yet to see if they make a difference, as some people have stated that they thought having a library card means they can park in the lot when going to a nearby restaurant! We also installed a dog waste station as we have had major problems this summer. We've called the police to drive by the library several evenings when staff noticed suspicious activity. Lack of outdoor security cameras has meant we cannot confront the dog owners or evening trespassers. We have also had several incidents of people hanging out in the stairwells where there are no cameras, so it may be time to consider updating our current

security system in the interest of staff, patron and facility safety. Demolition of the 2 rental properties is targeted for the first two weeks of August.

OTHER NEWS

There will be no mandatory presentation to the Select Board this summer, however, we may make a request to present library updates if we so choose.

The Town BBQ will be held on Wednesday, July 25th from noon to 2pm at Town Hall. Deadline to register is Monday, July 16th.

Donations: Sarah moves and Shirley seconds to accept \$120 in gifts/donations. Unanimous.

Facilities: Jeff sought a quote for bathroom hand dryers. They should pay for themselves in about a year in high traffic areas. \$500 for each, with two required. Unanimous, on motion from Shirley and second from Lynn.

Jeff also suggests we start thinking about replacing the outdoor sprinkler system which is oversize and not working well. Trustees decide to put this off until we know what construction may be happening.

Also in need of update is the surveillance camera system. One of the about-to-be-demolished rental properties was powering an outdoor camera. Also, some stairwells have never had cameras. Cameras can't be added to the existing system, which is also growing older, so the whole thing needs replacing. The top-of-the-line is \$20k. Jeff is planning to get quotes for something more reasonable for our needs and budget.

Policy reviews: Food and Beverage and Parking Policies updated on unanimous vote with motion from Kathy and second from Shirley.

CDBG: It turns out there was confusion about the block grant from last month. The Town has to apply for this.

Building Committee Reports: (Kathy Parenti, Shirley Wilson, Bill Parker, Scott Cornett, Jamie Ramsey and Betsy Solon.) All members agree that for transparency sake alone we need to send out RFP. It also needs to include things like parking. The BC will update RFP for Trustees to see in September.

Next Month: August 21 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.