

Mary Charnley, Jessica Ellis-Hopkins, Terry Elliott, Shela Cunningham, Hillary Ciampi-Horn
Eileen Gilbert – Director

Call to order: 6:15pm

Reports

On August 8th minutes second page 4th paragraph needs to read “we will look at the Duffy Fund Will and report back the findings.”

Hillary makes a motion to accept August 8th meeting minutes with listed changes, Mary seconded all in favor.

Director’s report: This is the second meeting of the month, and the directors report is always due at the first meeting of the month so there is no report to provide.

Old Business:

We have not been advised by town hall with any information for the budget as of this meeting. TA Jipson suggested that Eileen go to Selectmen’s meetings when there is appropriate coverage at the library. Eileen said that she does listen in on the meetings when she has free time to do so.

Eileen contacted Irving as another fuel option. They said we are too small. If the town wanted to include us in their contract, we could switch.

Jessica makes a motion to give Eileen the go ahead to ask the town of Belmont if they would be willing to add us to their fuel contract with Irving and then report back to us what was decided. Hillary seconded, all in favor.

Eileen will talk more with TA Jipson regarding a rough estimate of the family plans and how it should be included in our budget.

Eileen contacted the time clock manufacturer and received a ticket about the beeping for meals and they closed the ticket out without giving her any guidance on how to fix the issue. She says she will try again.

Eileen has to officially request the painter to come out for the furnace room. It was initially thought they would come sometime in October hopefully that will still be the case.

New Business:

Mary said that she noticed that there are cracks in the concrete in the front walkway of the building. Eileen spoke to Patrick, and he said he could patch the cracks without an issue but redoing the whole walkway was out of his wheelhouse.

Shela brought some materials from the Summer 2022 NHLTA conference.

Two part timers prefer to use their 10 minutes breaks to eat instead of taking a 30 minute break. A waiver of some kind needs to be drawn up to allow the employees choose how they want to spend their break times. Eileen will check with the town to figure out if they have something like that already available.

Mary went to the Bank to look at the Will for the Duffy Fund. The people to drill out the safe deposit box can't come until September. Jessica and Terry will coordinate with the bank to be there.

Mary was advised that the library should not be moved and that we could use the fact that it is a historical building as clout to get funding for the expansion. Mary was given information from Randy Brough, the former Laconia Library Director on how the Laconia Public Library was able to complete an addition to the historical Laconia Public Library.

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The Laconia Library used the trust that they had, the City of Laconia gave them money, the Capitol Reserve Fund, and they had a bond for 2.4 million. He suggested we tour other local libraries that added an addition to the existing library i.e., Bristol, Tilton, Northwood etc.... It was stated that the trustees believe that the library cannot be moved and that it is a historical building in the community of Belmont.

We should be trying to get people to get excited and vocal about the need for a library expansion, it would be a big help in our goal.

Friends of the library were amazing at old home day in Belmont.

The heritage commission would like to see adult crafts back at the library. They were also wondering if there would be a way to bring back tables inside the library.

We should be collecting for The Friends especially since they are doing a lot to fund raise for us.

Nonpublic Session called to order: 8:22pm

Nonpublic Adjourned: 8:47pm

Public session reconvened: 8:47pm

Hillary Makes a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes, Terry seconded.

ROLL CALL:

Mary: yes

Hillary: yes

Terry: yes

Shela: yes

Jessica: yes

Motion passed

Hillary makes a motion to adjourn Jessica seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 8:51pm

Following meeting: September 6, 2022 6pm

Mary Charnley



Jessica Ellis-Hopkins



Terry Elliott



Hillary Horn



Shela Cunningham

Amendment to 8/23/22 Belmont Public Library Trustee Minutes

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