

Hampton Falls Free Library

Final Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:01am. In attendance were Linda Coe, Chair, Amy Magnarelli, Vice Chair, Beth Forgione, Treasurer, Joanna Meighan, Director. Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, joined the meeting at 9:05am.

The tower on the Library has a number of issues causing leakage. Beth brought forth two options to remedy the issues – to remove the tower or fix the tower.

We have estimates to fix the tower. We need several items to determine impact of removing tower which are:

- Verify that the tower is ONLY decorative
- Get estimate to remove tower and complete metal roofing in that area
- Go to Town Select-board to ask them how they feel about removal (Bulding Inspector has indicated he prefers removal).

No matter which option is chosen, we need to pay for repairs. We have \$19,000 or so in the Library Expendable Trust, have \$10,000 in our 2023 maintenance budget (\$2,000 of which is for maintenance that must be done) and we received \$5,000 -\$6,000 in donations each year. Theses monies must also provide for smaller repairs for electrical issues and fixing rotting sills on several windows under portico.

After some discussion, Linda made a motion to add \$10,000 to the Library budget for 2023 which the Library will offset with its own monies. This would mean no impact to the tax rate. Beverly Mutrie will propose this at the Town Meeting on February 4, 2023.

Next topic was the bill for service to the generator. We felt the bill was too high so Laura Pouliot spoke to Generator Connection who would not adjust the bill. Linda presented us with a comparison of service charges from Generator Connection and Seacoast Generator. Seacoast is lower and their trip charge includes one hour of labor which is not included by Generator Connection. The Trustees asked Joanna to call Philbricks to see if they service Koehler generators and to see who the town uses for serving the Town generator.

Linda Coe made a motion to adjourn at 10:12am, seconded by Beverly Mutrie and all were in favor.