

Wadleigh Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2019

Attending: Kathy Parenti, Chair; Shirley Wilson, Janet Hromjak (remote), Lynn Coakley, Jennifer O'Brien Traficante (remote). Betsy Solon, Director;

1. Aaron Kaplan – inquiring about using our parking lot for Oval businesses.
2. Expanovation Project:
 - a. Marketing and Fundraising update:
 - i. Posters for area businesses from SMP are being prepared. Trustees suggested edits of increasing size of the insert of the upper level; show dotted lines to indicate current building footprint; high stools may be intimidating for mobility impaired voters; loft area text should be enlarged – use the same font size as the other inserts; include the infrastructure improvements as part of the expanovation; change Hub to expanovation
 - ii. Bookmarks are ready for distribution
 - iii. Have a link to the development page from the newsletter
 - iv. Presentations of the project to the various orgs and locations; packets are nearly complete for trustees to take to the presentations. Pamphlets are nearly complete
 - v. Pledges of about 157K to date. Need to fatten up the fundraising page with naming opportunities, etc
 - b. There will be a model of the project in the library soon
 - c. There should be narration to accompany the video
 - d. Be more forthcoming with the fundraising that the Trustees have already done with the 500K and the purchase of the adjacent properties
 - e. Thermometer or some other graphic to show the money that is being committed to the project
3. BOS presentation at 6:00 on December 27.
 - a. On average 800 persons per day come into the library
 - b. How much have we spent on repairs of the building – Trustee money versus Town money
4. Warrant article
 - a. Discussion which resulted in “keep on keeping on”. We won't back off for the whole project and settle for a 1M for the HVAC replacement. It is fiscally responsible for us to pursue the whole package of renovation.
5. Old Business
 - a. Andrew will paint the front door rather than putting it out to a contractor
6. Minutes unanimously approved on a motion by Lynn, seconded by Janet
7. Treasurer's report – Chris made a motion, seconded by Jen to accept all gifts
8. Director's report
 - a. State Legislation bills on the table. Betsy will talk to Paul Dargie, our state representative who sits on the committee hearing a bill proposing that presenters at library programs must pass a background check prior to their presentation.
 - b. Legislation – any library employee has a right to a public hearing before they are let go. There is a change to say that the employee has to work for 6 months before being entitled to the public hearing
 - c. March 2 – Read across NH day. Coincides with the Read Across America Day.
9. Year End Projects with money saved from other projects:
 - a. Fix the asbestos
 - b. Repair the treads on the main stairs

10. Upcoming Dates:

- a. January 13, 2020 - Budget and Bond Hearing
- b. January 21, 2020 - next Trustee meeting
- c. February 1 - Deliberative Session
- d. February 11 – Primary Day at which we will have a booth
- e. March 7 - Volunteer Thankyou event 3-5pm

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm