

Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library  
Trustee Board Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2022

The meeting with the Wilton Community Center was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library. Attending were Library Director Jane Nikander and trustees Nikki Andrews, Ron Brown, Felice Fullam, Alison Meltzer, Lynne Stone, and Mary Ellen Brookes and alternate trustee Peter Howd. Trustee Molly Shanklin was absent. The WCC was represented by Joe Broyles, Donna Crane, Sandy Lafleur, and Joanna Eckstrom.

Ron explained that the meeting was called because funds for the Wilton Collaborative Space have now transitioned from the grant to the money voted in at Town Meeting and town rules must be followed.

In answer to a question, Sandy explained that town money could only be encumbered if a legal contract was signed. The possibility of signing a rental contract with the Second Congregational Church was mentioned.

Sandy presented lists of programs to date, budgetary needs, lessons learned, and what's ahead. She is open to questions and comments.

#### Questions

1. Is there a need for a professional bookkeeper?
2. Should there be a charge for some programs?
3. Should there be two coordinators?
4. Are there any points of friction?

Ron emphasized that we are transitioning from a successful pilot program. Now we can ask all community groups to help us plan. It is a community resource.

Donna submitted an overview of the Milford, Peterborough, and Dublin Community Centers and a proposal for the Wilton Community Center which follows:

“Going forward for 2023, the Wilton Community Center 501c3 proposes that we continue to rent the space at the Second Congregational Church as additional options for other facilities are possible but not available in the short term. The Town of Wilton would fund the salaries of two part-time employees without benefits to continue to manage programs at what will be re-branded as the Wilton Community Center. Just as it does with employees at the Wilton Library, the Library Trustees will continue to oversee the payroll of these employees as they have for 2022. Funding for the rental cost, as well as additional cost for supplies and programs would be the responsibility of the Wilton Community Center, which would partner in fundraising with the Wilton Alliance nonprofit.”

The meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.  
Mary Ellen Brookes 9/22/22