

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library

Minutes 9/17/18

Location: Shutesbury Elementary School, 7:00 – 8:30.

Attending: Library Director - Mary Anne Antonellis, Co-chairs - Kate Cell and Michele Regan-Ladd, Jaime Donta, Brad Foster, Michele Cunningham

Absent: Savanna Ouellette

Friends attending: Fred Steinberg, Susie Mosher, JoAnn Bernhard, April Stein, Weezie Houle, Matt Franz, Dan Paquin, Rita Farrell, Meryl Mandell

Approval of Minutes from July moved to October Meeting

Trustee Elections – Kate already sworn in – Michele sworn in tonight

Trustee officers elected and approved. Michele Regan-Ladd and Kate Cell – Co-Chairs, Brad Foster – Treasurer, Michele Cunningham – Secretary

Director's Report discussed.

Trustees welcomed the Friends group expressing our gratitude for the extraordinary amount of money raised from the Friends and all their support of the library.

Estimated timeline for applying for the next construction grant

- Planning and Design grant will be announced in 2 – 3 calendar years
- Feasibility study and hiring an architect (expected amount of \$75,000 - \$50,000 from the Library fund and \$25,000 from the Town fund)
- Construction phase 2 years after that.
- Legislature vote on issuing bonds.
- Another upcoming possibility involves a pilot project for “core libraries” (libraries the size of ours) that came out of a library ecosystem study. This project may start a bit sooner than the one mentioned above and will give small libraries more money, perhaps 70 – 75% instead of the usual 60% for construction.
- Broadband project – still on budget to have everyone lit up by Spring 2019.

Update on library finances discussed.

The MBLC (Mass Board of Library Commissioners) has expressed enthusiastic support for our process to build a new library.

Update on Lot O-32. A grant was approved to have the property surveyed and analyzed by the Conway School of Design. Recommendation shared about staying informed by that Committee as well as the Broadband Committee

We discussed our message and the desire to be coordinated in a broad and inclusive way that opens communication, keeps the community informed, reaches people at the voter level, and is more responsive to the community.

Next Trustee Meeting - Wednesday, October 17, Town Hall, 7:00 – 8:30 with Libby Post.

- Agenda: Approve July Minutes, September Minutes and September Director's Report
- Workshop with Libby Post

Director Report: September 2018

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10 Cooleyville Road
Shutesbury, MA 01072
Mary Anne Antonellis, Director

Community Outreach

Friends Election Day Bake Sale, September 4th– a nice opportunity to sweeten election day and raise some money for the Friends of the Library.

Celebrate Shutesbury September 15th, Book Sale, Shutesbury Apparel Sale, Reading tent, and Curiosity Tent

Collaboration with other Town Departments

Council on Aging

I attended the Shutesbury Council on Aging Meeting on August 15th. The COA is providing \$500 in funding towards our fall strength training, yoga therapeutics, very gentle yoga, and line dance classes.

I have planned a joint program with the Shutesbury Elementary School PTO at the beginning of the school year – A Spectacular Science Show, Friday, September 21st, 5:30 pm.

Fire Department

Our end of summer “Readorama” (reading flash mob, cake, prizes) was held on August 23rd at the Shutesbury Fire Station. The Fire Department helped with set up, parking and lit a bonfire after our reading flash mob. 90 people attended and everyone had a great time!

Shutesbury Elementary PTO

Change to Commonwealth EBook platform

On June 30, 2018, access to the Commonwealth eBook Collection (Axis 360, Biblioboard, eBook Central) ended. The program transitioned to a shared OverDrive platform led by the Massachusetts library networks. As networks join, their content becomes available to share with other Massachusetts library patrons. Currently, CLAMS (located on the Cape), C/W MARS (Central and Western MA), Minuteman (Metrowest area), NOBLE (Northeast MA), OCLN (South Shore) and SAILS (Southeast MA) Library networks are participating.

This OverDrive Regional Lending Agreement allows C/W MARS public library cardholders access to OverDrive resources at the other Massachusetts Networks. Patrons are able to search the other network collections and place holds just as they do on C/W MARS content. This should greatly expand access to e-content for our patrons.

Massachusetts Library System Executive Director

The search for a new director for the MLS was unsuccessful. MLS staff will spend the fall connecting with member libraries to learn more about their needs from MLS and ideas about the qualities needed in a new director. A new search is planned for the new year.

Lot 0-32 Study

The Selectboard has decided to move forward with the Lot O-32 project discussed last year. The Conway School of Landscape Design will develop a concept design of potential uses for Lot O-32. This project is grant funded.

Circulation

Total circulation for FY 2018 was 36,252 items, a slight decrease from FY 2017's total – 36,541.

Programs

Total number of programs FY 2018 181 with 2,870 participants. This is a significant increase over FY 2017 with 157 programs and 2,180 participants.

Professional development

On Tuesday, September 25th I will be attending a full day Financial Literacy for Libraries Workshop.