

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library  
May 3, 2022 7:30pm, on Zoom  
Minutes

- Members present: Michele Regan-Ladd, Brad Foster, Tim Logan, Savannah Ouellette, Melanie DeSilva, Kate Cell
- Mary Anne Antonellis: Library Director

Mary Anne made an announcement that the meeting is being held via Zoom due to the pandemic.

- Trustees unanimously approved meeting minutes from April 26, 2022. Roll call vote: Regan-Ladd- yes; Foster- yes; Logan- yes; Ouellette- yes; DeSilva- yes; Cell- yes
- Trustees approved meeting minutes from April 28, 2022. Regan-Ladd- yes; Foster- yes; Logan- obtain because not present at this meeting; Ouellette- yes; DeSilva- yes; Cell- yes
- Review of draft of Fin. Comm.'s Capital Project Worksheet. Fin. Comm. is recommending a 20-year bond at 3.2% interest. The estimated tax rate implication- Fin. Comm is estimating that the increase in tax rate for every \$1000 will be .000426/\$1000 of home value. This will mean \$114.53 per year on the average home- we need to check on what is understood as the average home. Some concern was raised over our choosing the lower estimate and Mary Anne explained this very well. Someone was also concerned with the Jones library costs coming in much higher and Mary Anne pointed out that that explanation was part of a grant application submitted in 2015.
- Draft warrant article shared, and numbers updated based on Fin. Comm. meeting. The Selectboard has not discussed the use of ARPA funds, so the Fin. Comm. decided not to suggest appropriating them for the library. The warrant article was approved unanimously. Roll call vote: Regan-Ladd- yes; Foster- yes; Logan- yes; Ouellette- yes; DeSilva- yes; Cell- yes. Note that this is a lower amount to be borrowed that we voted on last time.
- Trustees are sending town mailing through first class mail- \$440- Draft of town-wide mailing looked at and Trustees will individually review and send any suggestions individually to the co-chair. The content of this mailing will not be discussed via email.
- Some Trustees attended a Finance Committee meeting and reported back. The elementary school roof and the library can both be funded. The finance committee said the funds will be allocated, the roof qualifies for expenditure of ARPA funds, and the roof cannot be voted on at this year's town meeting because of an engineering study that needs to be done first. There's a citizen's petition on this year's town meeting agenda to fund the roof.
- The library warrant article is 5<sup>th</sup> on the agenda.
- Michele visited the Westhampton library, and it was beautiful and seemed like it would fit into Shutesbury.
- Selectboard is tomorrow at 5:45pm.

Documents discussed:

- Draft Warrant Articles

Next meeting: Monday, May 11 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Melanie DeSilva, Secretary, Library Board of Trustees