

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library  
June 27, 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
- Guests: Mary Lou Conca, Penny Kim, Gail Fleighaker, Merrill Mandell, Emily Bayard, Penny Jacques, Stephen Dallmus, Linda Bills, Rita Farrell

Kate Cell made an announcement that the meeting is being held via Zoom due to the pandemic.

- Meeting minutes from May 16, 2022 were approved unanimously: Savannah-yes;
- The Town of Shutesbury is getting about \$500,000 in ARPA money, and the Selectboard has asked town committees to \$300,000 for school roof. Proposals for July 1 which they'll be discussing at their July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. There's still some site work that needs to be done at lot 032 and Becky hasn't had time to get that work rolling, so Mary Anne has solicited quotes and has been talking to DEP to close out the environmental report. The most recent assessment of lot 032 is on the Small Library Project website. There were VOCs found in one bore a distance from the site of the library. Get from video. The town needs to hire a licensed site professional to make a recommendation about the work that needs to be done- additional soil and groundwater testing. Marianne has solicited quotes from three licensed site professionals which are between \$18,000 and \$50,000. I
- Trustee comment: It's far enough from the library that it has no direct impact on the project. Get off video.
- Motion: Up to \$40,500 of ARPA funds for additional site work.
- The funds could, be returned for other town projects if we do not spend up to \$40,500.
- This isn't part of the library project, but we want to settle this matter.
- The ARPA is not our own tax dollars and it's a way to get this moving. It's a real opportunity for the town. Marianne is happy to do it to keep the wall rolling.
- Marianne sent one of the proposals to DEP to confirm. When we choose a firm it will be with DEP's approval.
- Will the remediation affect the building of the library? We'll keep an eye on this.
- They'll do soil borings around B-9 and monitoring wells around B9.
- Trustee reflection: Anyone in town can make a recommendation for ARPA funds. So, the Library Board of Trustees doesn't need to vote on this. The Town Administrator should be doing this.
- As a dept. head, Mary Anne can evaluate contracts as the town administrator's delegate. Mary Anne knows the most about this and we need this settled before the building occurs. Mary Anne would be making the

request on behalf of the library which means that the Library Board of Trustees needs to vote on this.

- None of the minor environmental issues will in any way prevent the building of the library.
- The back site won't stop the library, but the work still needs to be done and done soon.
- We don't have responsibility over this.
- The Library Town of Trustees voted unanimously to ask Marianne to recommend that
- Becky has communicated with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. They do not agree that there is an issue. This is the town doing its due diligence. Video...
- It's the federal government's use of this land that is the issue and ARPA funds are federal funds.
- The Board of Library Trustees requests that the Selectboard consider releasing up to \$40,500 in ARPA funds for further environmental testing and assessment around bore B9 on lot 032. The Library Trustees realize that this is a town issue, but in light of the potential construction of the library, we nonetheless want to see the assessment done as quickly as possible.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30pm

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