

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library
April 10, 2023 7:30pm, on Zoom
Minutes

- Members present: Michele Regan-Ladd, Brad Foster, Melanie DeSilva, Kate Cell, Tim Logan (joined at 8:08pm)
- Mary Anne Antonellis: Library Director

The February 13 and March 13 meeting minutes approved unanimously. Kate- yes, Michele- yes, Mel- Yes, Brad- Yes.

Director's Update:

- The spring egg hunt was a wonderful success.
- Library Giving Day was a huge success. 181 donors and \$53,510 raised.
- Staffing challenges: Mary Anne has put out a call for subs and has received some interest.
- Mary Anne is assisting with the public involvement plan related to the tier 1 classified finding of gasoline at the former radio tower. Note that the DEP agrees that where the library is being built and where the radio tower was are far enough apart to make these two projects unrelated. Mary Anne is providing assistance to keep this process moving forward. This plan helps to facilitate communicate with the public. Five more monitoring wells are being installed to pinpoint the perimeter and the next step will be removal of contaminated soil. A public involvement plan document will be posted and on the April 11th selectboard meeting, the public can provide comment on the plan document. The plan is release tracking plan specific- meaning it's about the specific area where hazardous materials have been found and are tier classified.
- Bordering vegetative wetlands: The conservation commission would like the town remove the fill and it require altering a wetland. It's the right thing to do because it will restore/improve the wetlands. This will not impact the siting of the library, but Mary Anne is working on this as well to keep things moving forward.
- Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7pm, Shutesbury Elementary, Public forum to review the preliminary schematics for the new library.

Public Comment Policy: The Trustees discussed creating a public comment policy to provide clear and transparent guidelines to facilitate public comment in an organized way. A trustee will draft something and we will discuss at a future meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, May 22, 2023 7:30pm

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