

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library  
July 24, 2023 7:30pm, on Zoom  
Minutes

- Members present: Michele Regan-Ladd, Mel DeSilva, Kate Cell, Tim Logan, Brad Foster
- Mary Anne Antonellis: Library Director
- Guest: Town Council Donna MacNicol

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. A motion was introduced to go into executive session to due to reason number 3 which is related to litigation and legal strategy. It was seconded and there was a unanimous vote to go into executive session: Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes

PUBLIC SUSSION BEGINS AGAIN.

Motion by Kate Cell to support the Cy Pre petition regarding the principle of the Trust and further to seek approval to transfer the assets to the fund for construction of a new public library. Second: Tim Logan. Unanimous approval. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes

Donna McNicol will send petition to Trustees for signatures as soon as possible.

Election of officers:

- Secretary: nomination: Mel DeSilva. Unanimously approved. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes
- Treasurer: nomination: Brad. Unanimously approved. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes
- Co-chairs: nominations: Michele and Kate. Unanimously approved. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes
- Liasion to the Friends: nomination: Tim Logan. Unanimously approved. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes

Approval of public comment policy: Unanimous approval: Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes

Director's Report: Lots of programs. Lots of books circulating. We've seen a reduction in DVD circulation- Mary Anne has weeded out DVDs that haven't circulated in 3 years. We have circulated over 10,000 children's books- more room is being made for more graphic novels which are in high demand. The town hall program space is not easy to use so Mary Anne has had fewer family programs. Mary Anne has been thinking creatively about children's and family programming.

Kayak use policy was revised and new language was added. Unanimously approved. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes

Funding request:

- Trustees authorized up to \$4000 from the Spear expendable trust for the CWMAR subscription. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes
- Trustees authorized \$2350 for upcoming summer reading programming and a series of craft programs through September. Michele Regan-Ladd- Yes; Mel DeSilva- Yes; Kate Cell- Yes Tim Logan- Yes; Brad Foster- Yes

Building committee report: Progress has been made. The redesign is impressive. The overall cost of the project has been reduced and the revised schematic design has been finalized and sent to the cost estimator and we expect the new cost estimate the beginning of next week. Less site work has been proposed, closer to the road, it's a different type of construction (built more like a house) which will open up the number of contractors who will be able to bid on the project, the building is smaller. The good stuff has been maintained. 63,000 kilowatt hour solar array which will power the building.

Next meeting: August 21, 2023 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Melanie (Mel) DeSilva, Secretary, Library Board of Trustees