

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library
May 20, 2024 7:30pm, in-person
Minutes

- Members present: Michele Regan-Ladd, Mel DeSilva, Brad Foster, Elizabeth Murphy, Kate Cell, Pam Ososky
- Mary Anne Antonellis: Library Director
- Approved March 18, 2024 meeting minutes. Approved: Michele Regan-Ladd-yes, Brad Foster-yes, Elizabeth Murphy-yes, Mel DeSilva-yes, Kate Cell- yes. Pam Ososky abstained because she was not here.
- Director's Report:
 - Library applied for congressionally-directed funding- state and federal
 - Applied for State of MA Municipal vulnerability grant: would pay for solar panels and electric pick-up truck which would power key parts of the building if needed (this was recommended by the grant funders)
 - Mass Save and National Grid: Incentive program funds applied for.
- Building Committee Report:
 - Officially went out to bid and sub-contractor bids due this Thursday and general contractor bids due
 - Well water has radon and it will be mitigated. The water does NOT have PFAS.
 - Meeting with the selectboard on June 4th at 7pm. The library trustees should attend as well so we can answer questions and make decisions together.
- Motion- to have a joint Trustees, Selectboard, and Building Committee meeting on June 4th. Approved: Michele Regan-Ladd-yes, Brad Foster-yes, Elizabeth Murphy-yes, Mel DeSilva-yes, Kate Cell- yes, Pam Ososky-yes.
- Giving Tuesday: Raised over \$52,000. And Spring Spruce-ups raised over \$2000. Friends of the Library continue collecting bottles and cans. Florence Savings Bank- over \$4000 last week.
- All board's meeting: June 11th- Kate Cell will represent The Library Board of Trustees
- Confirming the Library Board of Trustees' preferred meeting practice: hybrid. The new library community meeting room is being designed to accommodate hybrid meetings very well. The town may need to find ways to accommodate more than one hybrid meeting in town.
- Motion: The Library Board of Trustees directs Kate Cell to share at the all-board meeting the recommendation that we continue hybrid meetings and that we think it's unnecessary to continue recording meetings. Approved: Michele Regan-Ladd-yes, Brad Foster-yes, Elizabeth Murphy-yes, Mel DeSilva-yes, Kate Cell- yes, Pam Ososky-yes.
- Sunday June 16th- 9-2:30pm Friends of the Library tag sale at the SAC Pavilion.
- Life vest donation: We applied and have to wait 60 days to hear back. Mary Anne is going to get life-vests this week and put out the kayaks Memorial Day weekend.

Next meeting: Monday, June 17th at 7:30pm- hybrid

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