

Spear Library Trustees meeting minutes on 2/24/25

Hybrid meeting started 7:40pm

Trustees Pam Ososky, Elizabeth Murphy, Brad Foster, and Kate Cell were present, and Library Director Mary Anne Antonellis. Meeting chaired by Kate Cell.

Minutes of December 12, 2024 were discussed and amended. Brad Foster moved to approve the minutes as amended; Elizabeth Murphy seconded. Brad Foster – yes; Elizabeth Murphy – yes; Pam Ososky – yes; Kate Cell – Yes.

Library Director's Report:

Library Acquisitions

\$10,000 from the American Library Association for Library Transforms Communities grant to improve accessibility; ordered 4 stacking chairs for teen room. two tables for children's room, laptops, tablets and a flat screen TV for the teen room. The grant was used to order a button maker (makes buttons, magnets, key chains), board games, fidget toys, and more.

New Library Building Project

Town was awarded MVP grant covering 90% of solar installation. Proposal was changed to stand-alone battery storage rather than an electric vehicle.

Plywood wall sheathing is being installed. Framing is continuing. Glue-lam roof beams have arrived and are installed; roof decking will be installed soon. Windows will be installed mid-March.

Library Building Committee meets tomorrow to discuss some interior finishings.

Trustees and building committee members have asked about visiting library site; plans are being made for a tour in the end of March.

New Library Finance & FinCom Meeting

Mary Anne went to FinCom meeting on 2/5/25. FinCom was sharing concerns about town-wide budget issues and aren't sure how to address them yet. Next meeting is 3/4/25.

New library will need janitorial services; Mary Anne is preparing an estimate of the costs. This may be added to the town hall custodial budget line. New library will also need snow removal of walkways. Mary Anne has talked to the interim town administrator who will bring snow removal at the new library up with the Select Board. The Highway Department will plow the driveway and parking lot. There will also be a Selectboard meeting 2/25/25 to discuss these budget issues for the entire town.

Next Meeting 3/3/25 at 7:30, hybrid.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.