

M.N. Spear Library Trustees
Meeting
December 10, 2013

Members present – Karen Traub, Gail Fleischaker, Michele Sedor, Dale Houle, Kate Cell, Michele Regan-Ladd & Library Director – Mary Anne Antonellis

Minutes from November 2013 were reviewed and approved as written.

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1. Proposed budget for FY 15 was reviewed. Discussion about future funding of C/WMARS, a valuable library service that townspeople have come to rely on, would most appropriately be funded through town appropriations. The Trust can't sustain it over time, due to the cost of C/W MARS and the low interest rate that the Trust is accruing at this time.
2. Mid-year Financial Report from the Treasurer on Library related Funds; Figures for the Capital Building Fund - \$ 52,700; Library Building Donations (a town account) - \$4,457. Non-expendable Trust - \$ 70,665. Expendable Trust \$27,113. Barr Ashcroft Trust - \$ 13,614. Friends of the Library – new library building - \$ 80,686.00
3. Capital request – discussion and Trustees agreed to ask for the same amount as last year - \$25,000.
4. Finance Committee and Capital Planning will let us know when to come to their meeting. All Boards Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 4th @ 7:00 at the Elementary School.
5. Mass Cat vs. C/WMARS – Mary Anne explained the difference. MassCat costs \$1,000 and we'd have to pay for the internet for a total cost of \$2,000/year. CWMARS costs less than \$2,000/year and CWMARS provides the internet connection. Only 16 MassCat libraries are public libraries, the rest are public school. Has only 800,000 items; C/WMARS has over 9 million. C/WMARS has a large digital collection, which MassCat does not have. In sum: MassCat costs more and offers less service.
6. Trustees voted to post minutes on-line as of 2013. All other minutes from the past can be found with the Town Clerk in a binder.
7. Grant – LSTA – Library Services and Technology Grant through MBLC; it's a federal grant. Librarian reported that she is going to apply for a grant collaboratively with the Erving, Wendell, and Leverett Public Libraries for a grant, called Full Steam Ahead, which is a STEM (Science, Technology) Grant. Spear Library would get about \$2,000 from the grant to purchase science materials and have some joint programming.
8. Library Report - The Shutesbury Education Foundation funded a few library programs this year. .
9. Perpetual calendar – we are on target.

Next meeting – January 14, 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Regan-Ladd