

M.N. Spear Library Trustees
April 8, 2014
Meeting

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

Guest – Robert Raymond, Town Resident

Member absent – Dale Houle

1. Review of final draft of MN Spear Library Survey and changes noted. Changes will be made by Mary Anne and then she will make it available through all the ways previously noted – Survey Monkey, Ecricet, paper copies at town meeting, town hall, and the library.
2. Request for \$25,000 is being recommended by Capital Planning for a future library. This is a Warrant Article put forth by the Town into a town-held fund at Town Meeting – appropriated by the town and held in the Capital Library Fund. There is \$57,000 currently in that fund. The Friends of the Library is a separate account and is privately donated funds. There was a discussion about whether there will be specific language regarding the Capital Planning recommendation for funds for a future library.
3. Robert Raymond, Town resident, suggested language for the Warrant Article and expressed his concern about the need to reach out to the “opposition”. We discussed how to reach out to the people who choose not to come to Town Meeting. The Trustees purpose currently is to oversee and manage this library; we are not currently planning for a specific library at this time. The message we’ve used in the past, is “to develop a proposal for a library that the majority of the town can support.”

We had a discussion about where the revised message will be included:

- The Trustees aspire to fully hear and consider all diverse viewpoints in order to discover what type of new library most fully meets the needs of the town.
 - We can use this statement at Town Meeting when the discussion comes up about the request for the \$25,000 comes forth on the Warrant Article.
4. Library will be closed during town meeting.
 5. Spring building needs – Dale is not here. Repair of sign out front will be taken care of this spring.
 6. Donations of baked goods and sandwiches are needed for the Friends sale at Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Regan-Ladd
Secretary

