

Minutes

Grafton Library Trustees Meeting 12/15/22
Grafton Public Library

In attendance: Andrew Cushing, Jeff Nunes, Karen Johnson, Elaina Bergamini, Katelyn Coolley, Jake Vogel, Leif Hogue

Called to order at 6:01 pm.

Immediate Business

Karen motioned to approve last month's minutes. Jeff seconded, all in favor.

Andrew and Leif agreed to have edits on the MOU between the Trustees and the Selectboard at the January meeting.

Budget discussion. Andrew shared the recommendations from the Budget Committee which cut more than \$2,000 from the proposed budget. Two lines were cut: electricity and staffing. Andrew stated that he would return to the Budget Committee and request the money be re-instated, especially since electricity is non-negotiable.

Jeff moved that the Trustees seek to add \$1,000 more to the budget. Karen seconded. All in favor.

Library Business

Katelyn provided her intention to resign at the end of the year. Andrew accepted this resignation, with regret. Jeff seconded, all in favor. Trustees shared their appreciation for Kate's service to the town and library and thanked her for a good job.

Kate shared her director's report which showed stable usage of the library. (Jan-Nov total patron visits were 1,609; media checkouts were 2,865)

Trustees reviewed and approved the library director job description and discussed staffing options until a new hire is made.

Andrew moved to approve the treasurer's report and all donations, Karen seconded. All in favor.

The Trustees voted to approve a warrant article – to be proposed for inclusion by the selectmen at the Jan. 3, 2023 meeting – for appropriating funds for construction of phase one of a new library building at 2 Library Road. Jeff moved, Karen seconded, all in favor. This warrant article would read as follows:

“Will the Town vote to appropriate \$100,000 for the purposes of constructing the first phase of a new library at 2 Library Road, also known as the “Gray Lot” donated to the Town for this express purpose. \$35,000 to come from the existing library improvement capital reserve fund and \$65,000 to be accepted as a gift from the Friends of the Grafton Library (FOGL). No money to be raised from taxation. This phase will include the pouring of a concrete slab; the assembly of a barn frame, already acquired and disassembled by FOGL; a roof; and exterior envelope. Further, to delegate the construction of the library to the Library Trustees.”

Committee Updates

Elaina had to leave the meeting before sharing FOGL updates, but had mentioned that wreath making was popular, with attendance in the 20s.

Other Business

Jake Vogel asked about the budget and library square footage.

Cake Wednesday was discussed and was decided that the new library director would have to decide on changes to the library policies or enforcement of existing policies during open hours.

Jeff encouraged the new library design to incorporate severable spaces so as to avoid conflicts like Cake Wednesday.

Adjourned at 7:14 pm.