

Minutes, Grafton Public Library Board of Trustees

April 18, 2019

PRESENT: Roseanne Kramer, Sue Smith, Andrew Cushing, Deb Clough, Stacey Glazier, Mary Gasiorowski

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Immediate Business

Sue made a motion to accept last month's minutes. All in favor.

Andrew Cushing recommended to serve as new library trustee, in the position of secretary. Selectmen's next meeting is May 7.

Old Business

Stacey shared that she has shortened the DVD period from 21 days to 7 days.

Book Club Update - next meeting May 2, reading *Olive Kitteridge*. Books are ordered for next 4-5 months. Next month *The Lemon Cake*

Sue and Andrew will review webinars available on the NHLT website; Andrew was also given manuals on duties of a library trustee.

Sue is now added to the trustees bank accounts.

Roseanne asked for reimbursement for the King Arthur Flour gift card she purchased. She will find the receipt.

New Business:

The group discussed the status with the various library plans:

- 1) Moving the existing library
 - UK Architects offered an updated plan for a smaller addition with no basement to limit costs, but those cost estimations are not yet available
 - Cobb Hill Construction will provide those numbers
 - Revised option would be about 2,200 sq. ft. of space (including existing and moved library)
- 2) Construction of a new, free standing building
 - Deb visited with Bensonwood to discuss their Meriden library proposal, which would have provided that community with a one story space of around \$800,000
 - Group discussed importance of a well-designed and built library (which costs more) vs. a simpler, but larger space

-Deb also talked to Stanley Phelps, who concurred with cost estimates received so far, and recommended that rehabilitation of an existing building is often cheaper (at around \$200/sq. ft.

3) Grafton Center Meetinghouse

-Andrew and Elaina have been exploring whether the former center meetinghouse would be a good space for the library

-negotiations with the current owners need to be done first

-Group decided to pursue the option, with potential planning study to come by Fall 2019

-Deb will reach out to the Gray family and discuss potential future for Chester's donated land on Library Rd.

4) Other

-Mary, Deb, and Andrew will look at the possibility of re-erecting a barn on the Gray lot

As these options get fleshed out, FoGL and Trustees will present options to selectmen and to the public.

Committees

Recording Oral History will meet soon to continue their project.

FoGL planning an Easter Egg hunt at the library

FoGL BBQ and town-wide yard sale planned for Saturday, May 25

Library Director

Trustees reviewed the Director's Report. Stacey discussed the latest with weeding media from the shelves, her latest offering of game night kits, and growing popularity of audiobooks and inter-library loans (ILL)

Mascoma Film Society chose Grafton Library to donate their media to this year

Stacey planning a crafting event on May 11th

Roof shingles were purchased and estimates received from Larry Tibbets, of Canaan. Sue made a motion to expend \$830 from the capital reserve fund for Tibbets to strip and install shingles on the façade slope of the roof. Motion passed, pending approval from Trustees of the Trust Funds on May 2

Stacey proposed a spring clean up at the library to paint the interior. Trustees encouraged further planning.

Financial

Sue shared the Treasurer's Report. Roseanne made a motion to approve report. Motion passed.

Sue made motion to add \$83 from petty cash to Director's Acct. Motion passed.

Stacey discussed need for new laptops, potentially Chrome Books. Trustees will keep this in mind for budgeting.

Roseanne made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion passed.