

Minutes of Gorham Public Library Trustees Meeting: December 22, 2015

Trustees Present:

Aaron Gorban, Gail Wigler, Clint Emmett, David Graham

Staff / Others Present:

Elizabeth Thompson, Director

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Aaron Gorban at 6:00PM.

After review of the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2015 a motion to accept the minutes was made by Gail Wigler and seconded by David Graham. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the financial reports were provided.

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed GPL budget at their November 30 meeting. Aaron presented an overview and he and Elizabeth answered several questions which were posed. The Selectman took the matter under advisement and will review it again after all departments present their budgets. At a future meeting they will make their recommendations which will be added to the Town Warrant.

The Budget Committee will review the proposed GPL budget at their meeting on January 25th, which will be held at the GPL at 6:00PM.

The Budget Committee's Public Hearing on the 2016 Town Budget will be held on February 4, 2016 at Town Hall at 6:30PM.

Regarding the current 2015 budget, Elizabeth reported that we should come in close to our budget appropriation, which is very good. She and the Trustees are very pleased.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was reviewed and will be publicized soliciting interest in painting or replacing certain sections of siding. This has not been done since 1997 and is in need of repair. We hope to have a better idea of the costs involved after hearing from the interested parties. This may also be helpful in our discussions on the 2016 budget.

Director's Report:

Director Elizabeth Thompson reported on a number of items:

- Our part time children's program assistant has resigned as she has obtained full time employment. Elizabeth has interviewed a retired Title 1 teacher who is interested in the position. In addition, a suggestion was made to involve Gorham High School students in the electric program as mentors to younger children. The Board liked this approach. Elizabeth will keep us informed.
- Santa's visit to the GPL was attended by 30 children, who all received a gift bag with a book, and each was able to talk with Santa individually.
- Dave Govatski's presentation on Iceland was attended by 36 people, a great turnout. Elizabeth is hoping to have him here again in the future.
- Elizabeth is planning to attend the American Library Association (ALA) winter convention in Boston.

Other Business:

None.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:00PM

A Motion to Adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:01PM.

