

Great Barrington Libraries Board of Trustees

May 20, 2016

9:00 AM

Mason Library

231 Main Street

Great Barrington, MA 01230

Long Range Plan Subcommittee meeting

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM.

A. Attendance: Kathy Plungis, Adam Gudeon, Patrick Hollenbeck, Samara Klein, Lauren Clark, Amanda DeGiorgis, Director, Donna Brown, Talya Leodari, Asst. Directors

B. ADeG made a Motion to approve March 31, 2016 minutes, AG seconded. Vote: 6 – 0

II. Long Range Plan

A. Goals and objectives, continued: ADeG will now type up the goals and objectives proposed.

B. Survey questions: Discussed the merits of adding questions to our survey. Survey was offered on-line last time, will now also have paper copies available. Will aim for the last week of June to begin survey. Best to keep the survey short to encourage responses.

\* Members of the Ramsdell subcommittee attended the meeting to offer their opinions re the overall Long Range Plan. The next LRPlan needs to continue to contain goals and objectives for Ramsdell. Discussion included method of raising funds for Ramsdell. Director stated funds need to be raised for both libraries. Suggested that a Foundation be set up for the libraries that would have separate accounts for each library.

Discussion about who to contact about setting up a foundation. TL will contact Berkshire Taconic Foundation for information, members of the subcommittee will contact consultants that specialize in small library renovations, fundraising. It was noted that at the Town Meeting the renaming of the remaining library funds was passed in order to include Ramsdell.

Further discussion as to what the Ramsdell subcommittee is to be. KP wants the patronage and programming increased, it was noted that the building needs to have better access (ramp), air conditioning, heat. Patrons cite the difficulty in getting into the building.

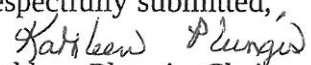
Goals for next meeting:

1. The Director to finalize the survey.
2. Director to write up the goals and objectives.
3. Asst. Director to inquire about a foundation set-up.
4. Members of the subcommittee to contact consultants that specialize in small library renovations.

V. Citizen Speak: None

VI. Adjournment: PH made a Motion to adjourn at 9:58 AM. LC seconded. Vote: 8 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen Plungis, Chairman