

Town Of Millbury
Meeting Minutes
Board of Trustees Millbury Public Library

Date: 2/21/2017

Time: 6:01pm

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Location of the Meeting: Millbury Public Library Meeting Room

Meeting Type: Regular X Special Emergency

Present: Jeff Raymond, Carol Burke, Paul DiCicco, Bob Laut, Rita Sullivan, Chris Brady

Absent:

Call to Order: Paul DiCicco called the meeting to order at 6:02.

Minutes: Carol Burke moved to accept the minutes as written. Bob Laut seconded.
Unanimously accepted.

Chairman's Minute: Paul DiCicco took his minute to discuss the electric car chargers in front of the library. DiCicco learned that it is patched into the library electricity, and the library should not be paying for municipal town electricity. Town Manager David Marciello noted that the individual departments paying for utilities is an issue of his, and he plans to address it. Bob Laut asked about the Tesla chargers at the Auburn Mall and asked if that was an option for the town, Marciello noted that the Energy Committee is in discussions on all of these issues.

Director's Report: Elizabeth Valero introduced the new children's librarian, Ann Dalliar. She introduced herself to the board.

Computers have been ordered, five are on their way. One for the children's librarian, three for backroom staff, one for the front, and the used computers will be rotated into general use.

Summer programs for Tuesdays are scheduled, working on Thursday programs and whatever else Ann will work in along the time.

Rita Sullivan praised the "Blind Date with a Book" "event" the library had in the past month. Reports are positive.

Old Business: The DPW will fix the parking lot in the spring. Last month, the issue was raised about the condition. Marciello spoke up and noted that he will be discussing how the DPW handles paving and asphaltting in the future. Rita Sullivan asked about drainage in the back, Valero and Marciello have plans to address the issues we're dealing with.

New Business: Jeff Raymond addressed the situation regarding the budget with Marciello. Raymond explained some of the history of the budget, the town perception of the library, and some of the future plans including the Children's Librarian position. We asked about the budget

situation. The information from last month was that we were facing a budget situation that would cut the amount for the children's librarian and put the library in danger of a waiver. Marciello noted that the budget situation has changed and the library will be seeing a proposed increase of 2.8%. How that it allocated is up to the director, but it would fill the current children's librarian position to 75% of the request. We discussed a little more about the budget process and the needs. Marciello noted that the library needs to be viewed as a need, not a want.

Paul DiCicco asked about how town growth impacts the tax base, and the result is that a house costs more to a town by a multiple factor. This impacts a lot of the budget considerations, as well as the town population demographics and future needs.

The discussion closed with a question as to the best way to approach him with issues moving forward, and we discussed how to get on his agenda and the best way to approach future issues.

Paul DiCicco asked Selectman Scott Despres, who was sitting in on the meeting, about Selectman perception of the library. Despres noted that he sees the budget increase overall as money out of the pocket of taxpayers. Some other examples of repairs and costs were discussed as examples of budget pains for the future.

Bob Laut noted the Long Range Plan and how he wants the Town Manager to know about what our plans are. Marciello agreed, saying we should be publicizing it more as an institution.

Adjournment: Rita Sullivan moved to adjourn, Chris Brady seconded. Approved unanimously, adjourned at 7:23pm.

Christine Brady

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Rita Sullivan

Ann Dallar