

Wayland Free Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Raytheon Room, Wayland Free Public Library

Present: Aida Gennis (chair, presiding), Trustees: Sally Cartwright, Leah Hart, Anne Heller, Library Director Dana Mastroianni

Absent: Mark Hughes, Suzanne Woodruff,

Others present: Ann Baker, Waltham Road

Call to Order: 8:10 a.m.

Public Comment

Ann Baker, a long-time Wayland resident, explained that she was attending the meeting to voice her concern about the fate of the current library building. She is worried that, if a new library is built on another site, the historic building at 5 Concord Road will be abandoned. Ms. Baker also expressed her concern about the many capital needs of the Town and Wayland's limited resources to meet those needs.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

There were no minutes to approve.

Staffing Update

Director Dana Mastroianni reported that interviews are taking place to fill several staff positions, including the Head of Circulation and the Assistant Children's Librarian.

Building Issues

Ms. Mastroianni updated the trustees on three recent incidents of water pooling in the parking lot (May 15, May 26, and June 6) which is affecting patrons' ability to park. She reported that the Department of Public Works had been on site in all three instances and is trying to figure out why this is occurring. Trustees expressed dismay that flooding continues to be an issue even after the completion of the MEMA/ FEMA-funded flood remediation project. Ms. Mastroianni will monitor the situation and report back to the trustees at a later meeting.

Ms. Mastroianni gave a progress report on the possible reconfiguration of the book drop bins at the entrance of the library. After some discussion, the trustees recommended that the Director see if one large capacity bin can be custom built as a substitute for the two aging bins currently positioned near the door.

Ms. Mastroianni reported that she and her staff would like to increase the available seating in the rotunda by removing the large oak table near the window and adding two chairs and a small table. The trustees agreed with the suggestion but asked that Liz Von Goeler, the interior designer who helped with the design and décor used in the rotunda restoration, be involved in the process. Ms. Gennis will follow

up with Ms. Von Goeler.

Programming Update

Director Mastroianni discussed an initiative to revamp some of the programs offered in the next fiscal year. Suggestions include increasing the variety of programs and altering the structure of program series. The goal is to increase the number of families who participate in programs offered by the library.

The library will present a program on Lyme disease on Monday, June 26. Featured speakers are Dr. Larry Dapsis, an entomologist, and Dr. Stephen Rich, a professor and microbiology researcher at UMass Amherst.

Ms. Mastroianni asked for trustee feedback on a proposed author speaking engagement. Chris Edwards, a former Wayland resident, has offered to discuss his memoir and his path as a transgender person. Ms. Gennis suggested that he might be a good candidate for a Gossels program, and Trustee Leah Hart expressed the belief that the schools might be interested in co-sponsoring a program on this issue. Ms. Gennis will follow up with Trustee Suzanne Woodruff, the Gossels program coordinator for the Board, and she and/or Ms. Woodruff will contact the schools to see if they might be interested in co-sponsoring a program in the fall.

Director Mastroianni departed at 9:15 a.m. to attend the Department Heads meeting at the Town Building.

Communication with Community Boards and Committees

Trustee Sally Cartwright reported that the Board of Selectmen had authorized the final payment on the library flood remediation project. She also reported that the Selectmen's pre-meeting packet contained a copy of a letter that resident, Mike Lowery, sent to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners regarding the grant application submitted by the Board of Library Trustees.

Trustee Anne Heller reported that the Recreation Commission will be meeting to discuss the fields project on Monday, June 12.

Ms. Gennis drew the attention of the trustees to the letter that appeared in the *Town Crier* on Thursday, June 1, regarding the future of the current library building. She mentioned that, if the Town is awarded a library construction grant, there will be public forums to discuss the design of the proposed building. She reminded those present that the preliminary design included in the application was created to demonstrate to the state that the site could accommodate the library Program but was not the final design of the proposed new building, nor was it intended to be interpreted as the final design of a proposed new building.

Ms. Gennis reported that she and Mr. Hughes had met with two residents, Ms. Baker and Ms. Ling, to discuss the future of 5 Concord Road. She stated that the trustees share Ms. Baker's love of the building and, if the Town is awarded a state funded library construction grant, the trustees will work with

Wayland officials and residents to plan the next phase of the building's life. This meeting, coincidentally, occurred on June 1, the same day that Ms. Baker's and Ms. Ling's letter appeared in the *Town Crier*.

Ms. Gennis reported that the Permanent Municipal Building Committee had considered the request of the Board of Selectmen to transfer some of the remaining money from the planning and design study to cover the overrun in legal expenses in this fiscal year. The Trustees recommended that the full requested amount be contributed. The PMBC voted to transfer \$4,000 to contribute to the payment of legal fees; the remainder will be set aside to cover additional design costs that might be incurred if Wayland is awarded a grant and Town Meeting is asked to fund the balance of the project.

Ms. Gennis made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Ms. Hart, and it was approved unanimously.

The Meeting Was Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Documents for This Meeting

1. Agenda of Meeting Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Heller, Trustee