

**Wayland Free Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Meeting August 9, 2017
Raytheon Room, Wayland Free Public Library, 8:00 a.m.**

Present: Acting Director Sandy Raymond; Trustees Aida Gennis (chair, presiding), Leah Hart, Mark Hughes, Suzanne Woodruff, Sally Cartwright

Visitors: Mike Lowery, Steven Klitgord

Public Comment: Mr. Klitgord passed out a written statement expressing his opposition to building a new library and asked a series of questions concerning the actual cost impact of a new library and the ongoing cost of the old library. Mrs. Cartwright commented on the wonderful photo of new Head of Circulation Sarah Hogan in the Russell's Farmers Market electronic newsletter. Mr. Lowery cited an open meeting law recommendation that the word "other" used on agendas is insufficient for the public to understand what topic will be discussed.

Capital Campaign Consultant: Three responses to the request for price quotes for a capital campaign consultant were received. Mrs. Gennis contacted references for the candidate that best met the criteria. All references were stellar. Samantha Greenfield has worked for the Sudbury Foundation at the Goodnow Library as their part-time development director. Mrs. Gennis has spoken with Ms. Greenfield and was impressed by her enthusiasm and experience. She recommends that the Trustees work with the town to contract with Ms. Greenfield to be our capital campaign consultant. Mr. Hughes moved to accept Samantha Greenfield as the vendor for capital campaign consulting services to the Board of Library Trustees. Mrs. Hart seconded the motion. Vote in favor 5 - 0.

Mrs. Greenfield joined the meeting at 8:30. She introduced herself and described her experience in fundraising. Trustees asked several questions and expressed enthusiasm for having a person with Ms. Greenfield's fundraising experience help the Trustees.

Director's Report: Acting Director Raymond requested clarification on the FY2018 budget for Express Books. Circulation of these books is up 200% and the program is very popular with library patrons. The materials line in the FY2018 budget should reflect an increase over FY17 to help pay for these books. If, towards the end of the fiscal year, the budget is no longer sufficient, Trustees will consider boosting the line item with any available state aid funds. Staff will be asked to be thoughtful in their purchase quantities.

Drainage Project Clean Up: The environmental barriers are still in place along the back side of the library. The DPW will be coming on Thursday or Friday to connect the overflowing drain in the lower parking lot to the larger drainage system completed last November. Mr. Lowry, as a member of the Board of Public Works, was asked if he had any additional information. He said the drainage area for the project behind The Depot should be monitored and kept clear.

State Building Grant:

Recommendations to Board of Selectmen were discussed at the August 8 Trustee meeting. Ms. Gennis reported Tappè Architects will submit a proposal to do additional design work and conduct community forums to help the public understand the opportunities of a new library. There was no new information on how best to request funding from the town.

Communications with boards, committees, and public: Ms. Gennis said the charge for the Library Planning Committee will be revised. Most all current members would like to continue to help with new

library building and planning, informing the public, working with PMBC, and exploring future uses for 5 Concord Road.

Programming - Gossels Fund for Human Dignity: Mrs. Woodruff read a passage on the mission of the Gossels Fund - “to foster and augment programs and activities that will encourage people to respect, treasure and protect the rights of all human beings to live in dignity, freedom and peace.” Ms. Woodruff believes the proposed speaker, Chris Edwards, would be an excellent choice for the Gossels Fund program. Mr. Edwards is the author of “Balls: It Takes Some to Get Some” a memoir of his transition from female to male. He grew up in Wayland. Rachel Sideman Kurtz has been working with the Wayland High School principal to see how the Library and the school could work together on this. Ms. Woodruff has spoken with the Gossels family and they are also enthusiastic. There was some discussion of the program location; WHS or the Library after hours. Mr. Edwards is also willing to waive his usual honorarium if we purchase books to be given away. Mrs. Hughes moved we pursue Chris Edwards as a Gossels Program speaker. Ms. Gennis seconded the motion. Vote in favor 5 - 0.

Trustees Reports and Concerns: Mrs. Gennis reviewed the Open Meeting Law complaint regarding the improperly posted July 19 meeting. Trustees will acknowledge the error in a letter to the editor in the Town Crier and in meeting minutes for August 8. She has confirmed no other meetings were held between June 24, 2017 and July 26, 2017. Trustees have allowed public comment and redid the meeting and all votes on August 8, 2017. Town Clerk has clarified that agendas cannot be altered in any way after a meeting date. Ms. Gennis will send a complete response to Mr. Lowery.

Adjourn: 9:17 a.m.

Documents for this Meeting: Agenda for Meeting of August 9, 2017
Written comment from Steven Klitgord to Wayland Library Planning
Committee dated August 9, 2017

Next Meetings: Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 8:00 a.m. WPL
Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 8:00 a.m. WPL
Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 8:00 a.m. WPL

Submitted by Sally Cartwright