

Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library
Trustee Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library. Attending were Library Director Jane Nikander and trustees Nikki Andrews, Ron Brown, Peter Howd, Alison Meltzer, Molly Shanklin, Lynne Stone, and Mary Ellen Brookes and alternate trustee Arlene Laurenitis. Alternate trustee Bill Langille was absent. Fire Chief Don Nourse and Town Administrator Nick Germain were guests.

Minutes - 2/16 amended minutes approved (Lynne, Ron)

Treasurer's report - approved (Ron, Lynne)

Moved by Alison and seconded by Ron: **that we approve the unrestricted gifts amounting to \$1,720.00.** The motion passed

Director's report - approved (Molly, Peter)

Youth Services report - approved (Peter, Nikki)

Town Meeting results update

Articles 12 and 13 both passed last night. The work on the ramp will continue and money will be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Chief Nourse and Mr. Germain came to the meeting today to talk about plans for the sprinkler project. The chief will send us a letter telling us to move forward using the current restrictions. Meanwhile, we should work on getting a sprinkler design and blueprints. The sprinkler company will do its own calculations.

We are to consider a whole-building system even though only one level will be completed. Standpipes on the upper floors would allow a better response during a fire.

Both men urged a joint meeting of all parties concerned with the project: Select Board, Library Trustees, and Water Commission. Mr. Germain hopes to have all groups on the agenda for the April 1 Select Board meeting.

Remembering Felice

The trustees wish to commemorate Felice's service to the library and the town. Felice was an accomplished and creative educator of young children so we immediately agreed with Molly's suggestion that the Children's Rooms be named the Felice Fullam Rooms and Alison's addition that a memorial be placed in the area.

Old business

Peter reminded us that we have not completed the book challenge exercise suggested by Miss Boo.

New business

1. Jane proposed the following version of the library card policy: "Children may be assigned library cards with parental permission when they are five years old. Children age 12 or over may be assigned library cards without parental permission. Children must be present to accept their library card."

Moved by Peter and seconded by Ron: **that we accept the proposed working change for the library card policy.** The motion passed.

2. Chief Nourse said that in the winter the front entrance may be closed to the public but that the area should be cleared for access by emergency services.

3. The governing body of the town must have a clear understanding of the terms of our endowment as written by David A. Gregg.

The meeting ended at 11:50 a.m. (Molly, Lynne)

The next regular meeting of the trustees is scheduled for **Friday, April 18 at 8:00 a.m.** at the library.

Mary Ellen Brookes 3/15/24