

Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library
Trustee Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2021

At 8:08 a.m. Ron Brown conducted a roll call of the trustees as they met electronically. Attending were Library Director Pat Fickett and trustees Nikki Andrews, Ron Brown, Felice Fullam, Alison Meltzer, Molly Shanklin, Lynne Stone, Mary Ellen Brookes, and alternate trustee Peter Howd.

Minutes of April 16 meeting - (Molly, Lynne) amended minutes approved

Treasurer's report - (Ron, Nikki) approved

We continue to be conservative on spending.

Trustees are reminded that Town Meeting is June 10. Molly has sent us the year's budget.

Director's report - (Ron, Molly) approved

1. Library traffic is increasing.
2. Miss Boo is now also leading an outdoor story time.
3. Chief Don Nourse conducted a fire inspection. There are problems. Alison will do a code review of the building and will talk with the chief.

Grant opportunities from IMLS

Pat spoke about several grant opportunities. After discussion with various demographic groups, it was felt that there is a need for community connection space to be used by groups within the town of Wilton. The work toward the goal could be coordinated with Main Street, the Community Center, and the Economic Development Committee. Molly will reach out to Main Street and Felice will speak with the Rise Up Center.

Historical marker for the library

The Heritage Commission has offered us a historical marker. Felice explained the size choices. Ron and Alison stated that the medium marker would fit better with the aesthetic of the library. The trustees agreed. Felice will do a mockup of marker models for comment from the other trustees. We discussed wording.

July musical event

Plans continue. Reservations are necessary. Attendees are to follow the latest CDC guidelines while taking personal responsibility. The session will be dedicated in memory of Paul Kennedy.

NHLTA spring conference

Discussion centered on the information from the Departures/Arrivals presentation at the Hillstown meeting. We must have strategic planning in place. Molly and Peter will set up a plan for a special meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 15.

June meeting discussion

We look forward to an outside in-person June meeting or, in case of rain, a properly-spaced inside meeting.

Old business

1. Alison continues her work on the ramp.
2. The CARES grant is covering the website upgrade which has a launch date of June 15. Pat will send each trustee a link so we can test the navigation.

New business

1. The retirement party for Dick Putnam will take place at the Main Street park on June 7 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The card for signing is at Gigi's Country Store.
2. The official opening of the new Riverwalk section is on Saturday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting ended at 10:12 a.m. (Felice, Nikki)

The next meeting of the trustees will be at **8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021**

Mary Ellen Brookes 5/21/21