Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library Trustee Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library. Attending were trustees Nikki Andrews, Ron Brown, Peter Howd, Alison Meltzer, Molly Shanklin, Lynne Stone, Mary Ellen Brookes; alternate trustee Arlene Laurenitis; and guests Sue Putnam and Diane Lynch. Library Director Jane Nikander and Alternate Trustee Bill Langille were absent.

Minutes - 5/17- approved (Molly, Lynne) 6/13 - approved (Nikki, Ron)

Treasurer's report - approved (Peter, Lynne)

Molly announced that we are at 40% of the year's budget and have received two appropriations from the town.

Director's report - approved (Ron, Molly) **Youth Services report** - approved (Lynne, Ron)

Facilities

Waterline - Bids are due today.

The trustees agreed that it would be best to keep the pre-action system as part of the sprinkler plan.

Lawn mowing

The budget committee had not been informed of the change in mowing responsibility.

Art could add the mowing to his duties for a cost of \$2,200.00-\$2,400.00 for the season. However, the town may be considering the possibility of a town-wide contract. Either Molly or Alison will check with Nick Germain about the status of our suggestion about rotation.

Crosswalk

The need for a crosswalk is a matter of pedestrian safety. We should make a community effort. The Masons have written a letter of support. Other interested parties (Jennifer Beck- Riverwalk Gazebo, Kermit Williams - NRPC) will be asked to join.

Ramp

Frank Brookshire will coordinate all contractors.

Because of liability issues, the library will be closed while the work is being done.

The library staff will be inventorying the collection during that time.

Nikki has volunteered to write the notices which will be posted for the public.

Strategic planning - budget and fundraising

The trustees agreed that fundraising should be project oriented. Sue Putnam explained the fundraising done by the Friends. We all felt that we would like an event sponsored by both trustees and Friends.

Alison suggested that the Friends become a NH Nonprofit so that they could benefit from the Lottery Commission's charitable gaming program.

Our next strategic planning (July) will focus on communication.

Old business

Lynne is waiting for more communication on the sign for the Children's Room.

New business - none

10:02 a.m. - Non-public session - (Peter, Lynne)

10:55 Non-public session ended - (Peter, Molly)

Motion made to seal the minutes - (Peter, Lynne) The motion passed.

The meeting ended at 10:56. (Molly, Lynne)

The next regular meeting of the trustees is scheduled for **Friday, July 19 at 8:00 a.m.** at the library. Mary Ellen Brookes 6/21/24