

Minutes for Meeting of Norwell Public Library Trustees on July 12, 2022

Present: Rachel Breen (Director), Jeanne Ivas, Chair, Kathryn Mudgett, Vice Chair, Monika Brodsky, Sarah Cassidy

Meeting started at approximately 7:03 PM.

Minutes from June meeting were unanimously approved.

Director's Report given. Announcement and welcome to Joe Molnar as our new Young Adult Technology Librarian. On the job posting for our Adult Services Librarian position there is a rolling end date.

Financial Report – we are technically within budget and were closely aligned with our \$44,000 overage estimate. Christine McCarthy has assured Rachel that the library's budget will work out.

Friends and Foundation

The Friends of the NPL are on break for the summer. They collected approximately \$240 for an hour's time of selling books. Rachel suggested a big Autumn sale on a Saturday and Sunday.

Tai Chi will purchase a pass for Zoo New England. Questions raised as to whether Friends would like to seek out business partners to share pass purchases?

No news on the library foundation.

Building Project

Update on carpet replacement - fortunately the shelving units didn't need to be dismantled. The wall shelving did need to be taken down. Carpet was supposed to arrive this morning (of July 12). However, they will be in July 13. Drywall and painting fixes have been made. Replacement/repair or light fixture in History Room still being determined.

General

Volunteers Carol Thornell and Maria Sestina will be arriving tonight to tidy up the courtyard and other areas. Tree and grounds Department said they will no longer be able take care of landscaping (as per earlier written agreement) as they do not have enough staff. Rachel has been discussing the landscaping with Haskin Property Services and they will provide a quote. Time frame of mowing every three weeks (when needed) being considered. Rachel will look into submitting a maintenance budget addition as needed for this work. John Haskin is a town resident. Tree and Grounds not likely to do seasonal cleanup, either, although they will do snow removal. One new concern is a large dead tree back by the bio basin.

Additional Agenda items

Rachel reminded all of the Strategic Planning Community Forum on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 PM in the Library Meeting Room.

Library vouchers will be to be signed by four trustees on Tuesday August 23.

Our January trustee meeting will occur on January 17 as Jeanne will leave shortly afterwards for a trip.

A suggestion was made to feature each of the different museum passes on the website. One pass feature per month.

Thoughts shared that once school is back in session specific content should be chosen to put in the school newsletters about children and teen's programs.

No Meeting in August.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Minutes recorded by Monika Brodsky