

Groton Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting December 13, 2016

Present: Linda Bonavia, Sara Knobel, Jennifer Morey, Frank Satterly, Sheri Shurtleff, Pam Vitale, John Watkins

Call to Order: President Linda Bonavia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda; the agenda was accepted as presented.

Approval of Past Minutes for 11/15/2016: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by John to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Special Action: After much discussion Frank made a motion to rescind approval of the salary adjustment for the Library Executive position. The salary was initially increased to comply with the new FLSA Act.

The increase was due to begin December 1st, 2016 but because of national public outcry, the requirement to comply has been put on hold by the courts indefinitely. John seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Sheri made the motion to approve in the warrant in the amount of \$4,777.34. This motion was carried unanimously.

Building and Grounds: It was decided that the BOT would wait till Spring to reevaluate the issue of garden debris dumping and proper disposal.

Library Executive's Report: Sara presented a comprehensive report of past, present and future happenings at the Library. Programs are well-attended by both patrons and community members.

A cleaner was hired and interviews for the open clerk position are wrapping up. A decision is imminent.

Unfinished Business: FOGPL report was given by Jennifer. Fundraising for the restoration of the GPL's charter has begun with very generous responses so far.

Free books were distributed to attendees of the Library's recent tree decorating night held December 8, 2016.

FOGPL has asked Sara for a list of Library needs. Sara feels that the best place funds could be used is to help develop and enhance current Library programs, i.e. summer reading programs.

Lee Shurtleff has submitted a signed Letter of Intent to the Board for the purpose of donating his adjoining property for Library expansion. His letter will be forwarded to the Library's lawyer, Sharon Sulimowicz, for her review and approval.

On January 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Groton Town Hall conference room, there will be a meeting to discuss the Library's previously formatted Strategic Five Year plan. We then hope to release a public statement regarding the Board's goals and plans for expansion. We also hope to form an expansion committee comprised of members of the Board, the Friends and the public.

New Business: December 30, 2017 was removed from the GPL list of Holiday Closings. A motion was then made by Frank to accept the revised list. This motion was seconded by John and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by John's motion which Frank seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next regular Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Morey
Secretary