

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
February 11, 2015

Members present: Shirley Warner, Charlotte Stopa, Lois Lindell, Tiffany Daly, Sharon Renzoni, Mike Gotta, Bob Socha

Also present: Francine Aloisa

Absent: Michelle Vargo, Andy Phillips (excused)

S. Warner called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes from the January 5 meeting were accepted. Motion made T. Daly; seconded, M. Gotta.

Minutes from the January 29 special meeting were accepted. Motion made C. Stopa; seconded T. Daly,

Minutes from the January 29 meeting of the Budget Subcommittee were presented.

First Audience of Citizens: None

Treasurer's Report was distributed and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence:

Letter was received from the Association of CT Library Boards requesting the annual fee for membership of \$100.00. Voted to send fee. Motion made L. Lindell; seconded C. Stopa).

Shirley reported on the FOI workshop held on Feb. 4. It was a good presentation and was a good review of procedures. There was also a presentation for staff people. The focus was quorums, special meetings and emergency meetings.

Note was received from Kloter Farms thanking us for the order of a memorial bookcase.

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve L. Lindell, seconded by T. Daly. Approved.

Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed. The percentages of expenditures are in line for this time of year.

Committees: Budget

The Budget for 2015-16 was presented by the Budget Subcommittee. The overall increase percentage is 4%. The operating budget is increasing by 2.3% with bigger increases in the utilities line items. Voted to accept the budget proposal that will be presented to the Selectmen and Town Finance Board. (Motion made B. Socha; seconded, T. Daly)

Building concerns:

The weather problems in the last few weeks have caused extensive leaking. The areas around the courtyard have several areas that have been affected. The Teen Room had a small amount of leaking but has not shown any leaks since the first bad storm. The Town has hired Mountain Tree Service to clean the library roof of ice and snow.

Work on the front door handle has been completed.

Old Business:

Work on the web-design is progressing.

The Game Table in memory of Dee Moak has arrived and is being used in the Teen Room. The bookcase in memory of A. Bob Socha has been ordered.

New Business: A letter has been received from the Public Works Dept. seeking our approval of its proposal that the small island by the front door be removed, It is difficult for them to plow snow because the space between the sidewalk and the island is narrow. After discussion it was decided to table the matter. It was thought that more discussion should be held. Shirley will reply to Todd Rolland, DPW.

Director's Report:

The Library has been closed four and a half (4.5) days within the last few weeks. It was the decision of the Town that Town Buildings were to be closed on three of those days. Francine reported that the Friends of the Library have voted to finance the following projects: \$250.00 for Library Magnets, \$600.00 for Children's Programs, \$500.00 for repair of the chairs in the Teen Room.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Next meeting will be March 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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