

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
May 4, 2015

Members present: Shirley Warner, Charlotte Stopa, Lois Lindell, Sharon Renzoni, Bob Socha, Andy Phillips, Michelle Vargo

Also present: Francine Aloisa, Todd Roland (for a short time)

Absent: Mike Gotta, Tiffany Daly (excused)

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

Minutes from the April 6 meeting were accepted. Motion made: B. Socha; seconded: M. Vargo

First Audience of Citizens: Todd Roland explained the proposed plan to alleviate the problem of snowplowing around the island. The sidewalk in front of the library will be lowered to road level. This would allow for more handicapped parking and would allow snow to be plowed easier around the island. The town department would do the work, Motion made: B. Socha, seconded: A. Phillips to accept the proposal from the town to create two handicapped parking spaces, lower sidewalk for safety and snow-plowing maintenance. Unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report was distributed by Shirley. It will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: None

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve: L. Lindell, seconded by A. Phillips. Approved.

Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed. Transfers will need to be done next month before the end of the fiscal year.

Committees: No reports

Building concerns:

Silktown has not given us the commitment date for roof work. Flashing around chimney needs repair. Silktown is to give an estimate for that. Both jobs will be included in purchase order.

Mechanical Maintenance Co. will be doing spring maintenance on our equipment. That will include needed supplies.

Policy Review: None

Old Business:

Work on updating the web-design is almost complete.

A flowering tree will be given in memory of Mark Sullivan, It will be planted in the rear courtyard.

The benches that were damaged this winter have been taken by the Town Department and will be repaired, using parts from broken benches saved by the department. After the repair, they will be returned to the courtyard for the season. They will be removed and stored each winter.

New Business:

An energy audit was made during April. One of the problems that were discussed was the ballasts in the big dome lights in the main room. They burn out too quickly. It was stated that there might be replacement kits that can be used in place of those,

Director's report:

Francine attended Annual Conference in Mystic on April 28. Our library won third place for the display "Out of the Cold" that was shown at the library this winter.

A poster is now on display "Dash for the Stash", dealing with financial information. By answering the questions, people may enter a contest.

Staff member Lauren Mule has created a brochure about programs and procedures offered by our library which will be distributed to all of the teachers at the elementary school.

Francine has met with Principal Krevolin of MBA, Todd Rolland, and Chris Boucher about after-school programs. They can use our facilities but it will be a town endeavor.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting will be June 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lindell

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