

M. Gruber, abstained  
Somers Public Library  
September 14, 2015

Members present: Shirley Warner, Lois Lindell, Sharon Renzoni, Bob Socha, Mike Gotta, Andy Phillips, Michelle Vargo, Mike Gruber  
Also present: Francine Aloisa

S. Warner called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.  
Minutes from the June 1 meeting were accepted. Motion made: B. Socha; seconded: T. Daly. (M. Gruber abstained)  
Minutes from the June 20 Special Meeting were accepted. Motion made: L. Lindell, seconded: S. Renzoni, (M. Gruber abstained)

Introductions of board members were made for our new member, Mike Gruber.

First Audience of Citizens: None

Treasurer's Report was distributed by Tiffany. It will be filed for audit. Arrangements for our Financial Advisor, John Ruocco, to attend our next meeting are being made.

Correspondence:

A note of thanks and appreciation from the Socha family was read.  
Cecilia Becker sent a letter as an explanation of her at-home injury and absence at work. She has returned to work as of September 14.  
Shirley read a note of appreciation from Helen Sullivan for the planting of a tree in the courtyard in memory of her son, Mark. The Sullivan family donated the tree and Francine made the arrangements for planting.

Financial Business.

Invoices were presented for authorization. Motion made to approve: A. Phillips, seconded by M. Gotta. Approved.  
End of the fiscal year 2014-2015 Report was presented. It showed that we stayed within the budgeted amount for that year.  
Year-to-date Budget was presented and will be filed.

Committees: No reports

Building concerns:

The roof work has been completed. There are leaf guards that need to be installed. There are repairs that need to be done in the Fireplace Room. They can be done now that the roof work has been completed. Bob will get estimates from local contractors for this work.  
There is an area in the ceiling behind the stage that needs repair. Estimates will also be obtained for this.  
A layer of plastic will be put down on top of the insulation above the ceiling in the Teen Room to prevent any leakage from snow or ice that comes through the louvers during the winter months.  
Several ceiling tiles in the library need to be replaced.

A representative from Trane came and inspected the system. He found that a sensor in Air Handler #2 is defective. Bob will talk to him about this before we replace it.

A letter has been received from Todd Rolland about replacing the library's outside lights with more efficient lighting. This is being done at all town buildings. A survey was done for the scope of our needs and recommendations for saving potential through the CT Conservation Fund of 40% incentive deductions. The remainder will be paid by the town over four years. The savings each month for the four years term will be about the same as our payments before the upgrade. A. Phillips made motion, M. Vargo, seconded to accept this proposal. Passed

Old Business: None

New Business:

A discussion was held on a possible purchase by the Library Board in memory of Charlotte Stopa. In addition to a book in her memory, it was decided that a podium for the library would be appropriate. Details will be presented at the next meeting. Motion made: T. Daly, seconded, M. Gotta. Passed.

The projection system is not working properly. Rockwell Communications is working on it. A new system might be needed in the future.

Director's Report.

The building is now being cleaned by Adams & Adams. The staff is now responsible for some of the jobs that the janitor did in the past.

American Legion has taken over the responsibility of the flag.

Francine has attended a number of meetings during the summer months.

Book discussions and classes were attended by a number of people this summer.

Summer Reading Program was well attended.

Our web page has been updated.

Second Audience of Citizens: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.      Next meeting will be October 5

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Lindell

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