

Wardsboro Public Library
Trustee Meeting
June 15,2023

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

Members present: Carol Backus, Donna Fernandes, Steve Herd, Lizzy Ingraham, Sheri Lewis, Karina Martin, Bob Stupp
No members from the public

Changes or additions to the agenda: plans for 4th of July, Librarians healthcare

Minutes from May 18, 2023 meeting: Carol B made a motion to receive the minutes of the May meeting. A second by Steve H. No discussion of the minutes. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Carol B made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second from Sheri L.

Discussion of treasurer's report: We need to put in writing the increase in Library Directors salary as of July 1, 2023.

Acceptance of Treasurers report for April and May 2023, was unanimous.

Library Directors report: Summer reading program begins Saturday 6/17, 2023 From 12:30 - 1:30. Supposed to rain so it will be held inside.

New artwork will be coming next Wednesday Steve A and Steve H will be at the library to help get it hung.

Friend's Liaison Report: Steve H commented that we made more money by taking donations rather than pricing food. People and companies that made donations should receive thank you notes. Will do that next year. This year a thank you will be placed in the Bucketville News. This event was a success monetarily for the library and the community.

New Business: Transfer of the Library to the town: The closing of the library has taken place. The endowment is about \$104,000.00. We will have \$60,000.00 in operating cash. The Trustees have assumed bills for maintenance. Assets are in the process of being transferred. Bob S will talk to Michelle H at town hall to see if we can combine services to share expenses so cost to the taxpayers will be as low as it can be. We will see some cash flow from the town with half being distributed in October and half in June. It was decided that we should keep 1 year of expenses easily accessible and find a place to invest the rest. Bob reported that CDs are the best with interest of 3.92% for 12- 18 months. Bob will check with another bank to see if there are other options.

Carol B made a motion to put \$30,000.00 into a 12 month CD with a second from Steve H. The vote was passed unanimously.

Steve A has not yet looked at the stairs in back. This will be tabled to a later date.

Friends Thank you reception: was well attended.

Energy Purchases: FOWL have been using COTA & COTA but we can save \$.98/gallon if we buy propane from NIDO and \$.39/gallon on oil. COTA & COTA will dig out the current tank at their expense and NIDO will supply an above ground tank at no charge. Bob also pointed out that we should start to consider options for replacing the old furnace.

Karina M made a motion to allow NIDO to provide an above ground tank and to discontinue service from COTA & COTA with a second from Carol B.

Upstairs space: There is interest in the community to either lease or reserve work space upstairs. There is room for one or two offices. Will ask Steve A to look at the inspection report to see what they said about upstairs.

Fourth of July: Carol B will cashier for books. The tent needs to be put up on July 3rd at 10:00. Cash boxes are upstairs.

Carol B made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

