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September 21st, 2017

Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees

Present: Cathe McCall, Diane McCall, Maureen McCall, Kathy Chesmer, Judy Vertefeuille, Berkeley Nowosad, Michelle Kersey, Mary Withey and Library Directors Julie Culp and Linda Slate and First Selectman, Betsy Petrie

Absent: Darlene Boirie

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by the chairman, Cathe McCall.

Motion (Berkley Nowosad/Diane McCall) to move the Building Committee report to the top of the agenda. The motion carried with none opposed.

Cathe called on Betsy Petrie to give an update on the situation in regard to the Building Committee and the Town's acquisition of the three parcels of land where the municipal building are. Betsy let us know that a formal request was extended to postpone the receipt of the State Library grant for another year. That organization meets in October and we expect that they will honor the request.

The Board of Selectmen have had five meetings since August 16th in which they have discussed this issue in executive session. Betsy shared what she could. The selectmen met with Hume Steyer, Stacia Kroetz and Jeffrey Silverstein of Seward Kissel as well as attorney Edward O'Connell and attorney Catherine Marrion, and Sara Bronin who has been retained by the Trust. Sara will be the Trust's "feet on the ground" locally. At this point it appears that the Trust has the same goal of getting the municipal buildings into the Town's hands but a different way of getting there.

Julie Culp left the meeting since she is on vacation.

Motion (Diane McCall/Mary Withey) to accept the minutes to the July 20th regular meeting. The motion carried with none opposed.

Correspondence – Cathe presented a listing of the meeting dates for 2018 to be submitted to the town clerk. The following were approved:

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

January 17, 2019

Library Director's Report – Linda gave Julie's report

- Willimantic Waste will be doing a bi-weekly pickup of recycled materials for a total of \$187.20 per year. This cost will be covered by unused funds budgeted for Charter Communications.
- Received the invitation to apply for the HTA grant due October 15th, 2017.
- Learned that the maximum hours for a part-time position is 19 hours and not 19½ so Claire's hours and Kathy's hours cut by ½ hour each.
- Julie attended the Eastern CT Library Directors' roundtable in Colchester on September 13th where much of the discussion was on the impact of the lack of a state budget.
- Summer reading program was a success with 633 items circulated to grades K-8 and 355 to grades 9-12.
- Budget on track with nothing outstanding to report

Youth Service Director's Report – Linda reported. Her scheduled programs are as follows:

- TIME FOR STORIES - October 2, 23 and 30
- READ, ROCK & RHYME - October 4, 18 and 25
- TINKERING WITH LITTLEBITS - Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 PM. Ages 7-12. Limit 12. Please call or stop in to register.
- POKÉMON CLUB - Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 AM
- DRAWING LESSONS FOR TEENS with KENT RICE - Saturdays, October 14, 21, 28 and November 4 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. \$15 per person.
- HOME SCHOOL BUILDING CLUB - Tuesday, October 17 at 2:00 PM
- TINKERING WITH LITTLEBITS - Thursday, October 19 at 4:30 PM. Ages 7-12. Limit 12. Please call or stop in to register.
- NOT-SO-SPOOKY CRAFTS - Tuesday, October 24 at 6:00 PM. Ages 3 and up.
- CASEY CARLE'S "BUBBLEMANIA: COMEDY...WITH A DRIP!" - Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 PM. Geared to ages 5 to 95. Great family event!
- Other:
 - Summer Reading was busy. Most programs were well-attended with the exception of the CT Science Center's Roboscience program - poor weather.
 - On 8/30/17 Linda spoke with parents about library resources and programs during preschool screenings at LES.
 - Linda will attend a "Supercharged Storytime" workshop at the Middletown Library Service Center on October 19th.
 - She created a new section in the Emergent Reader area. All of the Early Chapter books have been pulled, labeled and they can now be found easily by parents and kids.
 - Juvenile fiction collection has been weeded and Linda is currently working on picture books.
 - Linda borrowed a Littlebits (electronic bricks) set from the State Library and will host programs during the next month.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Bylaws – Sub-committee will meet on October 5th at 6:00 PM to begin the annual review.
- Facilities – Noting to report.
- Personnel – Motion (Maureen McCall/Judy Vertefeuille) to go to executive session to discuss the director's annual review. The motion carried. The meeting returned back from executive session and continued with the remainder of the agenda items.
- Friends – The books have been moved to the meeting room in preparation for the sale. Help would be welcomed the weekend of September 29th.
- Trust Fund – Already covered
- Building Committee – Reported by Betsy Petrie

Unfinished Business

Programs – Berkeley will work on a poster that will invite town residents to share a craft or skill

New Business – None

Hearing no other business, motion made (Maureen McCall/Kathy Chesmer) to adjourn at 7:52.
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary