



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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March 16th, 2017

Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees

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

Absent: Michelle Kersey and Darlene Boirie

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the chairman, Cathe McCall.

Cathe called on Betsy to give us an update on the status of the town's efforts to gain title to the three prior mentioned parcels of land. Betsy let us know that due to the weather, the intended working session of the selectmen, attorneys and surveyors was postponed to tomorrow morning at 9:00 and will be held in executive session. They hope to develop a timeline for the entire project. Surveyors have been working around town for the last weeks. The easiest property looks to be the library portion which extends to the flagpole and the toughest will be the public works property. There is no documentation of a deed to the church either in town or at the State Library but there is documentation on the property where the church had the parsonage. Betsy is in contact with the Trust and they are aware of all that is happening and are still committed to the library project. The grant from the State Library has been extended through February 2018. Progress is being made. Once the figures are received from the surveyors, the town can file. The judge will give the requirements of the law as to what newspapers to advertise in, the frequency, and the like and once the judge is satisfied that those requirements are met, he/she will have about 120 days to make a decision. One action will be filed with three sub-actions for the three locations. If anyone comes forward to argue, then the ruling will take that much longer. The church is in the same boat as the library and it is in their best interest that both the town and church have defined boundaries. Questions were asked. The library project can't be unapproved as far as Betsy knows. The Lebanon citizens voted it in. The Building Committee was given leeway in the final library design and as such, that can't sidetrack the project. Betsy will know more tomorrow and will pass on what she can.

Minutes to the February 16th, 2017 meeting – Motion (D. McCall/B. Nowosad) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with none opposed. The revised bylaws were distributed having been updated based on the February meeting.

Correspondence – None to address.

Director's Report – Julie reported – She attended the Eastern Connecticut Library Directors' roundtable in Columbia on the 8th. Circulation is down all over the state. Program attendance has been great with 1,545 at children's programs since July 1st. The opening reception for *Equinox and the Arts* is tomorrow, Friday, March 17th and all are welcome (and welcome to bring some snacks to share). The adult program, "Make an Easel" with Kent Rice was postponed until April 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and "Drawing with Kent Rice" has begun and runs until April 13th. *Device Night* will be scheduled for some Thursdays where appointments can be made and individuals will be helped with accessing Zinnio, etc. Julie is scheduling "The Not So Good Life of the Colonial Good Wife" for some time in the summer.

Young People's Director's Report – Linda distributed the list of her weekly and summer programs. Linda is trying to get as much done as she can before she has knee replacement surgery. Each library in Connecticut received multiple copies of *Harold and the Purple Crayon* through the generosity of an anonymous donor through the Harford Foundation for Public Giving. 18,000 copies of this book were printed with a special dedication to the children of Connecticut. JTL will be hosting a party on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM for Harold with stories, activities and a celebration cake. Each family who attends will receive their own free copy of the book. Call to reserve your space soon! Registration is required and space is limited. Linda is gearing up for the summer reading programs.

New Business – None

Hearing no other business, motion made (M. McCall/M. Withey) to adjourn at 7:32. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary