Meeting May 29, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Art Bobruff at 1pm

In attendance Art Bobruff, Joyce Guinther, Greg Bruss / Trustees

Happy Callaway, alternate Trustee

Dick Hendl, Selectperson

Janet Hendl, Laura Pauling, librarian staff

Agenda for meeting motion to accept Joyce second Art 3 yes vote

Minutes accepted as amended. Joyce motion, Art second 3 yes vote

No reports from Selectmen

Correspondence Laura sent thank you notes for library contributions in Sally Allen’s memory. Noted there were three contributions totally $155. Non restricted for library discretionary use.

Librarian report deferred to later in the meeting

Public comment none present

Old Business

Dick Hendl reported Credit Card application in process.

Town inspection of buildings for safety coming up. If there are any findings needing attention, it is Trustees responsibility to undertake action as advised.

Art reads response from CJP to his email on Celeste Klein Scholarship funds. No distribution of funds again this year. They are obligated to do so based on their analysis of financial return. Nor are they required to provide copy of terms of the Trust. They state they have sole authority.

Public comment delivered by Dick Hendl in appreciation of Laura’s work at the Library since beginning.

Renovation Plans. Laura reported, as asked, about impact of proposed changes.

Room use on first floor an issue . If books removed to downstairs as proposed, would reduce book space

possibly by as much as 50%. Also stacks shelving might prove problematic space wise if we use what is already there. Concern removing books to basement might reduce adult browsing, and displace the children’s area. Discussion about the proposed renovations matching the patrons’ current utilization of the library. Brief discussion on what next? How are the public use and needs being met for current patron population and how to encourage more public use.

Motion not to proceed with renovation plan. Made by Joyce seconded by Art yes vote 3 closed as item for future business.

Telescope nothing new to report. All set for library patron to check out after signing use agreement.

Library director on sign placement, on George Hill Road 114 corner. DOT permission granted. Dick Hendl will check with Pete Abair about installation.

Scholarship Celebration details nearing finalizing. Checks will be made out for presentation.

Friends of the Library no one present from group to report.

New Library Hours. Laura reported on data and comparison with other similar sized libraries. Also discussion on possible impact of State regulations on staffing still need further research. Greg will pursue to the matter further for clarification. Specific to issue of Volunteer Staff on duty with no paid staff present. Is this a legal requirement or just best practice suggestion? Obtain exact wording and interpretation of law.
Discussion centers on number of days, hours for each day open, which days best for closure, how do patrons use current hours. Further looking into issue should bring forward motion for a vote in June meeting.

Financial report by Joyce. Transferred $8000 to cover Scholarship Fund awards. 5 separate checks made out to the individual seniors named.

Librarian reports still getting acquainted with summer hours and use. Hope to have set schedule up and posted soon.

Next meeting Tuesday June 26, motion made by Art seconded by Joyce to change to time to 1pm from now on. Keeping the day as the last Tuesday of the month. Vote 1 yes 2 abstain . motion carries

2:13 Motion to adjourn

Made by Art seconded by Joyce 3 vote yes

Respectfully submitted

Greg Bruss recording secretary