Newbury Public Library
Newbury, NH
Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: October 23, 2019
Type of Meeting: Business meeting
Attendees
 Trustees: Patricia Sherman, Regina Cockerill, Lynne Tuohy
 Alternate Trustees: Jeanne Palleiko, Ken Tentarelli
 Public: Betsy Courant

The meeting came to order at 1pm

Patricia reviewed the costs for potential renovations and repairs to the HVAC system, roof, floor coverings, painting, and damaged wood trim. Based on initial estimates by Milestone Engineering and augmented to account for inflation, contingency, fees, and design, the total cost is estimated by Patricia at $378,761.94

Regina reported that donations of approximately $26,000 were received this week. She reiterated that despite intensive solicitation of private donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations, it is unlikely that private donations will ultimately exceed about $200,000.

Patricia reported that she and Ken met with Dennis Pavlicek to inform his of the reduced expectations for private donations. Dennis stressed the importance of informing the Select Board and the public of the revised view. He agreed to arrange time for the Trustees to meet with the Select Board at its meeting on October 28.

There was considerable discussion of alternative approaches for proceeding with the expansion. Ultimately the consensus was to request the support of the Select Board for a warrant article in the amount of $1.5million at the next town meeting to allow the library expansion to proceed.   This conclusion is consistent with the vote taken at a previous Trustee meeting.

Patricia and Regina will prepare notes to be distributed to Select Board members in advance of the meeting 1) to describe the events that have taken place during the past six years in support of the library expansion, and 2) to describe the motivation of the Trustees in requesting Select Board support for a warrant article.

The meeting concluded at 2:40 pm

Respectfully submitted   Kenneth Tentarelli