

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

Date: September 14, 2020

Type of Meeting: Special meeting to address patron request. This meeting was conducted by video conference

Attendees

Library Staff: Lea McBain

Trustees: Jeanne Palleiko, Patricia Sherman, Helen Wright, Elizabeth Courant,

Voting Alternate Trustee: Ken Tentarelli

Public: Amanda Lyons

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm

Amanda Lyons requested trustee permission to 1) sell cards in the library and 2) hold a bake sale outside the library on election day. The proceeds from both activities would go to the ResearchHERs campaign of the American Cancer Society to support women cancer researchers.

Lea reported that the Town Administrator regards the library porch as being under the jurisdiction of the Trustees. The Town Moderator has no objection to the election day sale proposed by Ms. Lyons.

Jeanne expressed concern that town's people may view sales held on library property as benefitting the library which could impact library fund raising efforts. Further, she was concerned that granting permission to hold the sale would set a precedent for other organizations to make similar requests.

After discussion, a motion was made (Jeanne), seconded (Patricia) to not permit the bake sale on library property on election day. The motion passed unanimously with Jeanne, Patricia, Helen, Elizabeth, and Ken voting in favor.

On the issue of selling cards inside the library, Lea reported that town agencies such as the Conservation Commission have sold items inside the library. The library policy allows the library director to authorize sales by town agencies. Sales by non-town agencies require approval by the Trustees.

A motion was made (Patricia) and seconded (Helen) to not permit the sale of items inside the library by non-town organizations. The motion passed with Jeanne, Patricia, Elizabeth, and Helen voting in favor. Ken abstained.

Lea pointed out that the relevant policy and others need review. Patricia requested that policy review be added as a topic for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm

Respectfully submitted, Ken Tentarelli