Newbury Public Library Newbury, NH

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes



Date: July 20, 2021

Type of Meeting: Business meeting

Attendees

Library Staff: Lea McBain

Trustees: Betsy Courant, Lynne Tuohy

Voting Alternate Trustees: Ken Tentarelli, Patricia Sherman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm

Warrant Article

Lynne presented a draft of a letter to be sent from the Trustees to the Select Board requesting their support for a library expansion capital funding warrant article at the 2022 town meeting.

Betsy reported that comments made at the summer town meeting tended to advance other priorities.

Lea asked the Town Administrator what other capital funding warrant articles were planned for the upcoming town meeting. He replied that thus far he has no knowledge of possible warrant articles.

Discussion emphasized that 1) moving forward with the library expansion is consistent with the latest version of the town's Capital Improvement Program which contains the capital expenditures plan for the years 2022-2026, 2) a majority of voters, close to 60%, supported the library expansion warrant article at the 2021 town meeting, 3) over \$500,000 has been raised by private donations and pledges. There is the potential that these funds may need to be returned if a warrant article is not passed within a reasonable time.

Lynne will revise the draft letter to reflect the discussion. She will distribute a copy of the revised letter.

A motion was made (Patricia), seconded (Ken) and passed by unanimous vote to approve the revised letter unless there are major objections.

Staff Evaluations

A motion to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a) was made by Lynne and seconded by Patricia

Roll call vote: Lynne Tuohy Yes

Patricia Sherman Yes Ken Tentarelli Yes Elizabeth Courant Yes

Non-public session was entered at 5:20 pm

After termination of the non-public session a motion was made Patricia and seconded by Lynne to seal the closed session minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information might affect the reputation of a person other than a member of this board. Roll call vote to seal minutes:

Lynne Tuohy Yes
Patricia Sherman Yes
Ken Tentarelli Yes
Elizabeth Courant Yes

The motion passed.

Other Business

Betsy reported that other organizations include biographies of their members on the organization web site. She suggested that library staff and trustee biographies should be included on the library web site. The Trustees present agreed to write their biographies for that purpose.

At 5:47 pm motion to adjourn was made (Lynne), seconded (Betsy) and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth Tentarelli