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Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees

Present: Cathe McCall, Diane McCall, Maureen McCall, Berkeley Nowosad, Kathy Chesmer, Mary Withey, Michelle Kersey, Judy Vertefeuille, Darlene Haynes and Library Director, Julie Culp and Guest, Selectman Betsy Petrie

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

Cathe called on Betsy to give an update on the library project. Betsy handed out paperwork showing the timeline of events relevant to some current challenges. As steward of the project and agent for the municipality, she has been keeping well aware of the project, and has attended various Building Committee meetings.

On March 28th, Todd Levine from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), contacted Town Hall to inform them that various approvals need to occur through them, as \$1,000,000 is coming from the State, and The Lebanon Green is on the National Historical Register. In response, Betsy began to assemble requested documents. On April 1st she contacted the chair and vice-chair of the Building Committee to inform them of the communication from Todd Levine, and her findings. It was originally thought that the land that was purchased for the library was a .98-acre parcel. She located the 1966 deed in which the Sullivan family sold the area where Lester Main's store had been located to the town, and it looks like the area is actually 35 rods (the measurement used at that time), which translates to about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre. The state later took part of that property to widen the intersection. That said, the current library, when plotted on a map, is not entirely on a piece of property owned by the town. Based on this information, she contacted the town lawyer and on his advice, put the project in suspense. Betsy then hired Jerry Stefon, a historic researcher and a land surveyor, to do 30 hours of research (at a cost about \$3,000) to look into the ownership question. (Betsy is sure that he put in more time than that as he was really fascinated with the research). He reported his findings on May 6th, and there are CDs available for board members to listen to, in

which he explained that it there are no clear or simple answers. Several Building committee members attended that meeting.

Betsy is working hard at coming up with a solution to all of this, but the first thing that needs to be done is a soil test for the septic, and that can't happen unless we can prove ownership. Interestingly, the church has an unlimited northerly boundary, and there has been a request to their Trustees to allow permission to do the digging required. She is waiting to hear back from them. In the meantime, she is exploring every possibility, trying creative ideas and is willing to hear helpful suggestions from anyone.

Furniture disposal – tabled until the next meeting.

Minutes to the March 17th meeting were addressed. Motion (D. McCall/M. Kersey) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with none opposed.

Correspondence – None

Director's Report – Julie reported – Circulation numbers continue to increase over the 10-year period. Programs are well attended and now that we are not moving soon, more will be scheduled. Alicia is working with Linda doing children's programs and that is working well. Julie attended the CLA in April and the May 3rd Selectmen's meeting to discuss job descriptions (they took the descriptions to file) and computers (Julie will be giving them recommendations as several are from the 1990s and two are from 2010). In response to requests that new books be loaned for three weeks instead of two, Evergreen was adjusted to accommodate that. Motion (M. McCall/D. McCall) to change that in the bylaws. The motion passed with none opposed. Coordination with the high school summer reading is being done in the same format as in previous years but Linda has been having issues in collaboration with the elementary school. The state budget has cut the annual grant (\$1,087) to libraries. In regard to the part-time sick leave issue that Julie had been investigating, Betsy agrees that our part-timers should be covered and they will be getting 1 hour for every 40 hours of work, after 600 hours. This does not affect our budget. DSL services from CEN will be ending as of July 1, 2017 and the state library is offering options of bringing on board the 90 libraries that do not currently have fiber optics. There will be further discussions once Julie does more checking.

Young People's Director's Report – Linda's report was distributed. Summer reading begins on June 13th. Evanced Summer Reading software is available to simplify managing the books that are read. The June Calendar of Events is on the library homepage. Featured programs are "Play Is A Good Thing" where families with young children can meet new families, "Shopkins Play and Swap", "Time For Stories", "Clay Cartooning Fun!", "Read, Rock & Rhyme", "Pokemon Club", "Yoga Together With Maggie Gaier" for kids ages 3 to 5, "Home School Building Club", "Teen Book Discussion", "Comic Robert Rivest Presents: On Your Mark, Get Set, Read, Move, Laugh & Play!", "Sciencetellers Present: Power & Energy" and "Horizon Wings Presents: Falconry and Other Birds of Prey". The March Event, Candy Science Experiments, was filled with 41 kids and parents. Alicia's Minecraft program in April

was well-attended. Jim Napolitano presented a shadow puppet nursery rhyme program that was incredible and very well received. Linda met with Andy Gonzalez, Principal at Lebanon Elementary School, to discuss Summer Reading. He will share State lists with staff, and publicize the Evanced system at the PTA meeting and in the parent newsletter. She attended CLA and also met with the Library Media Specialist at the Middle School to discuss Summer Reading. She is using older lists and should be contacting me with finalized lists shortly. All books from those lists are cataloged and labeled. The reading specialist at the Elementary School knew nothing about the list.

Bylaws – The new pages with the change voted earlier was distributed. Julie will update the board listing with Darlene’s information and bring new pages to the next meeting.

Budget – nothing to report

Facilities and Equipment – nothing to report

Personnel Committee – nothing to address

Friends – Met and elected the same individuals to the same offices. Discussed other fund-raising ideas now that there will be no book sale this year. The baskets we created will be displayed in the library and will be raffled the day of the antique show.

Publicity – nothing to report.

Trust Fund – We need to keep them in the loop with the ongoing issues with the building project. Nothing else to report.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Hearing no other business, motion made (M. McCall/D. McCall) to adjourn at 8:39. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary