

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 8, 2017

NORTH KINGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY MINUTES

PRESENT WERE: Lori Vernon, Tom Sgouros, Richard Moore, Joan Ehrhardt, Rini Georgekutty, Elizabeth Suvari, Robyn Levine, Cyndi Desrochers and Ryan Brennan.

Call to Order- The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Kingstown Free Library held on Monday, May 8, 2017, in the Conference Room was called to order by chair Lori Vernon at 7:29 p.m.

1. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6 (c) Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.
2. **Minutes of the April 2017 meeting** - VOTED to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting on a motion by Robyn Levine, seconded by Elizabeth Suvari.
3. **Guest: Diane Izzo, Asset Management Commission**
 - Diane was in attendance as a private citizen, not as a representative of the Asset Management Commission. She shared her notes on the old library. (55 Brown St.)
 - She shared her opinion that it should be in possession of the library.
 - She provided appraisal highlights and the original motion regarding the Wickford Art Association taking over the building.
 - No agreement has been signed yet at this time.
 - Provided Trustees with highlights of the Aharonian & Associates Feasibility Study.
 - Trustees shared the opinion that it would be difficult to staff the building and have town financial support to maintain the building along with an expanded mission for the library in the future.
 - Director Desrochers discussed challenges of maintaining the current building on a zero-based budget. An additional property would cause an additional strain on the budget.
 - Ms. Izzo discussed the importance of historic preservation and buildings to economic development in NK.
 - Trustees expressed desire for a concrete proposal and some promises on personnel, building costs, etc.
4. **Director's Report**
 - Unexpected costs with lightning in the parking lot. Keeping a close eye on the budget for the end of the fiscal year.
 - Had a leak due to un-caulked windows on Friday. It has been since taken care of.
 - FY18 budget has been passed.
 - Morgan Malloy was promoted to the full-time Library Technician position.
 - Interviewing for the vacant 19-hour position this week.
 - Provided a quote from Simplex for replacing the security system.
 - Will be advertising for the Community Outreach Coordinator position later this month.
 - Champlain request submitted for gaming in the teen area.

- Grant-in-Aid: Discussed how the grant in aid monies are distributed to Davisville and Willett libraries.

5. Old Business

- Strategic Plan
 - Committee made up of Rini, Elizabeth, and Robyn. Three staff including two coordinators and one member of administration.

6. New Business

- Labor Day Weekend
 - Tabled discussion until the June meeting.

7. Other - N/A

8. Donations- N/A

9. Public Comment- Willett Free Library Trustee John McDermott asked that the library welcome Davisville and Willett to any discussions of reexamining the grant-in-aid formula.

10. Correspondence - N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. on a motion by Richard Moore, seconded by Lori Vernon.

Respectfully submitted - Ryan Brennan