

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2019

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held at Southworth Library on October 8, 2019. Mr. Bielusiak called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Stanley Bielusiak, Chairman	William R. Chandler
Wendy Garf-Lipp, Vice Chairman	Ilene G. Levine
Suzanne E. McDonald, Recording Secretary	Joan Menard

STAFF

Lynne Antunes, Director of Libraries

Ms. Garf-Lipp and Ms. Levine were unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 17th 2019 rescheduled meeting was made by Ms. Menard and seconded by Mr. Chandler. All were in favor, none opposed.

Financial Report for August and September 2019

A motion was made to approve the financial report for the months of August and September was made by Mr. Chandler and seconded by Ms. Menard. All were in favor, none opposed.

Director's Report

Ms. Antunes presented her Director's Report for the months of August and September 2019. Please see attached. Ms. Antunes still hasn't heard from HR regarding discussions on hiring a new branch librarian although there is someone in house who is interested in the position.

Report of the Friends of the Dartmouth Libraries

- Total cash on hand was \$49,445.00 with \$250.00 being approved for the purchase of books and/or CDs for the library in memory of David Antunes.
- New Board members Anne Heller and Marion Salm attended their first meeting.
- There was discussion of an effort to increase membership.
- The fall annual book sale is the week of October 21st.
- Carol Cohen's Eleanor Roosevelt program had a great turnout and the Stephen Collins presentation is scheduled for November 14th.
- James McBratney gave \$15,000.00 from his parents' trust to the FODL.

Report of the Library Foundation

No meeting in September

Correspondence

None

Old Business

- Alan Mercer – Mr. Bielusiak presented property information re: 211 Cross Road, but will need to go back to Town Hall for more information and will ask Mrs. Mercer if she has any documentation he could look at.

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- Library Construction – the project is still on track and on budget. A temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued on October 7th and expires on November 7th. The last Building Committee meeting was October 2nd. The latest Change Order has lessened the contingency to less than \$70,000.00. Corrections need to be made to the gas meter/gas line to the generator before the generator's manufacturer will warranty the unit.
- Fundraising/Naming Rights for new building/Dartmouth Library Foundation – Ms. Antunes has received close to \$50,000.00 in capital campaign/book spine donations. Mr. Bielusiak will send a formal letter of thanks from the Trustees to the FODL for their donation of \$25,000.00.
- Return of North Dartmouth Branch property back to Town – The Trustees will have to vote to turn the building back to the Town when the new branch has the full Certificate of Occupancy. Shawn MacInnes, Town Administrator, will check to see if there is specific language /wording needing to appear in an article on a Town Meeting warrant. In the meantime, the Tucker Road building should be winterized.
- Select Board – Members said they wanted to restore the Old North Dartmouth Library at the same location or in a new one. Then a week later an article in Dartmouth Weekly mentioned that the Council on Aging might be interested in the building.
- Collection – Ms. Antunes to ask Mr. MacInnes the possibility of the DPW to move the 800+ boxes of books. Ask Dan Pallotta (OPM) to check with the Sheriff's Department to see if prisoners could move the collection on the weekend while school is not in session.

New Business

- New Branch Opening – Ms. Antunes as Director of Libraries, Mr. Bielusiak as Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, Ms. Menard as a second Trustee and Ms. McDonald as Chair of the Library Building Committee should coordinate with the Select Board on this.
- Removal of No Trespass – The Trustees will **take no** action on lifting the No Trespass at this time.

Other Business

Mention was made of an article (forwarded via email by the MBLC) about some people going to libraries and filming to test First Amendment adult rights and actually baiting library staff. Mr. Bielusiak gave handouts from the Open Meeting Law workshop he attended.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chandler and seconded by Ms. Menard at 6:03 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne E. McDonald, Recording Secretary