

Board of Trustees

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Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 16, 2017, 2:00 PM Library Meeting Room at the Library/Community Center

Mary Fatsi called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM in the Library Meeting Room.

Members Present: Mary Fatsi, Robert LaChance, Michael Lajeunesse, and Anna Naum

Staff Present: Alison Boutaugh, Library Director, and Linda Kaplan, Recording Secretary

Guests Present: Ken Beausoliel, First Selectman

Members Not Present: Kathleen Herbert and Aileen Witkowski

Secretary's Report:

1- Anna Naum moved and Robert LaChance seconded the motion to accept the Secretary's Report as written. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Financial Report:

1- Anna Naum moved and Robert LaChance seconded the motion to accept the Financial Report as submitted. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

1- Anna Naum moved Robert LaChance seconded the motion to accept the Director's Report as submitted. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- 1- Building and Grounds:
 - a. Ken Beausoliel was introduced at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate his schedule. He discussed information recently received from the energy audit company on the HVAC system and lighting which outlines the replacement of four heat pumps, the cooling tower and lighting and controls. He discussed the cost of the project and explained that energy savings from Eversource would save the project about \$50,000.

b. Ken Beausoliel also stated that there would be an on-site inspection of the attic with the sprinkler company on March 22nd at 10 AM to determine the best way to move forward with repairs to the sprinkler system pipes.

New Business: None

Citizen's Comments: None

Trustee's Comments:

- 1- Mary Fatsi wanted to respond to comments made at the recent town budget meeting regarding the library director's salary. She said that the Library Board of Trustees determined the salary comparable to a teacher's salary with the same years of experience and masters degree.
- **2-** Robert LaChance commented that the members of the Library Board of Trustees have a responsibility to represent the people who elected the trustees to defend the library budget and protect the library's services. He also stated that rude comments at budget meetings are unacceptable.
- **3-** Michael Lajeunesse suggested setting up advisory committees to forward information on what library patrons want. Alison Boutaugh explained that conversations with library patrons are a continuous and ongoing function with library staff.

Announcements:

1- The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 2:00 PM, at the Library/Community Center.

Adjournment:

1- Mary Fatsi adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.

Linda Kaplan

Recording Secretary

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