

February 8, 2017

Present: Jane Nuse, Jessica Bickford, Stacey Waterman, Jeanne Engel

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and seconded.

Old business: Jeanne called Kneeland Construction about going ahead with the chimney repairs. They report they can start the work in May, or before.

Librarian's report:

The Conservation Commission would like to install three more window shades in the library this year. They would like to get started with putting the shades up soon, before their March programs begin. Jeanne reports other libraries have been providing information to patrons regarding email addresses and contact information for Legislators, Homeland Security, etc. Jeanne states that we have never provided that information and she has decided not to offer it at this time. The information is easily found online.

ALA is suggesting that library policies reflect that libraries do not exclude any group based on subject matter or interests. Our policy for public use may have to have minor changes to reflect this .

A new writing group will be starting in March. Nancy Hayden will be leading this group.

Children's room needs a new design and inspiration. Some names of community people who might help with ideas were suggested.

Flood proofing: Jeanne handed out report from Stevens and Associates. We did get an elevation certificate from LCPC. They provided several options. Estimated price ranged from \$150,000 to \$300,000. The Board agreed to explore other options.

Jessica introduced "Short Takes For Trustees"- Advocacy. These are 10-minute videos with topics dealing with being a library trustee in Vermont. Jessica will send out a link so we can watch at home and have discussions about the videos at our meetings.

Stacey said we passed our annual audit. She does not anticipate any issues with our budget.

We have a vacancy on the Board. Jessica will post in FPF. We all agreed it would be beneficial to have someone on the Board who is familiar with building and construction.

Submitted by Jane Nuse, Secretary