

Johnson Public Library
P.O. Box 601
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Minutes for the Board of Trustees Meeting

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 13th, 2022

Location: Johnson Public Library

Time: 6:00 PM

Trustees Present: Sabrina Rossi, Jasmine Yuris, Stacey Waterman, Jen Burton, Jessica Bickford.

Librarian: Jeanne Engel

Agenda

1. Call to Order, 6:03
2. Review and Approve Minutes from June 7th, 2022 Meeting Stacey made one suggest grammatical edit. Stacey moved to accept. Jen seconded. All in Favor.
3. Librarian's Report – Jeanne
Busy. 50-60 patrons daily.
92 Summer reading – kickoff 43 youth, 6YA, 27 Adults

Sabrina and Jeanne met with the new Library Clerk, Linda Cannon-Huffman in June.

Email from state librarian – ARPA – New funds for Capital Projects. The Vermont Legislature approved \$16.4 million to support capital projects to Vermont's public libraries, including Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and space renovations for improved access to high-speed Internet to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. These funds are intended to address critical capital project needs that were exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. More info coming in September. Accessibility. The automatic door to increase accessibility might be a good project for these funds. It was suggested that we get estimates before the grant comes out to ensure that we are prepared to apply. Sabrina will follow-up with a possible lead for an initial quote.

Jeanne shared the signs that Healthy Lamoille Valley created for the ramp and tables. The board was pleased with the size and messaging. These were funded through a Vermont Department of Health Tobacco Prevention Grant.

Sabrina moved to accept Jeanne's report, Jen seconded. All in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report – Stacey

FY 22 Wrap Up. Short on revenue, under on spending. There were \$5,290.24 in remaining funds from approved building projects as contractors were not available to complete the work in the fiscal year. We requested from the town to carry that forward. This request was denied due to town deficits in the town's budget. No budgets will be carrying over funds this year. The project areas were Roof inspection and slate repair, windows, attic insulation, possible fencing, & shelving.

We are now in our Fiscal Year 23 budget. These projects will be carried forward.

Building Maintenance \$6,000

Building Capital Expense is \$7,500

Window project has been proposed as a Johnson ARPA project. Inquiries into the timeline for the release of the town's spending plan.

Jessica moved to accept Stacey's report, Jen seconded. All in favor.

5. Facilities Update – Jasmine

A. Fence Discussion

Worried about the flower boxes being an attraction vs. a deterrent to kids going into the street. Wood would need maintenance.

Does the barrier create something that slows a parent from reaching the kids?

Other town spaces don't have fences. Does the library actually need something?

Upkeep would be an added issues.

Parents can gauge whether they want to use the front or the back spaces depending on their children's ages. They could also opt to take books to Mill Park.

Idea of creating a flower bed, low bush, or low planter at the backside of the ramp next to force people out the street to create increased visibility. The board will think about it.

Sabrina will ask Brian what the process is to put a "Children at Play" sign.

Jess will reach out to the Sheriff's Department ask the process put a speed sign to draw attention that people need to slow down.

B. Last week some slime went over the neighbor's fence. Neighbor's dog ate. Dog is ok. Jeanne has checked in three times. Let them know when we have programs. Do a check at the end of the program on their side.

C. There may be a septic problem again. Jasmine will ask the Village Trustees to check on the Railroad Street's. Storm Water Project to find out the proposed date of the

project as this will impact how the library addresses the sewage backup into the basement sink. The water is currently not going down. This was an early indicator of problem the last two times there was an issue. Note: The last time it appeared that neighborhood sewage was backing up into the library lines.

Jen moved to accept Jasmine's report, Stacey seconded. All in Favor

6. Policy Review will be in September per the list.
7. August Meeting Date: Two trustees will not be able to be present. A motion was made to skip the August meeting as trustees have traditionally taken one month off during the summer. Jen motioned to skip the August meeting. Stacey seconded. All in Favor.
8. Question about the machete incident in the paper. Jeanne called to inquire about the incident with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's department reported that they called, but all was quiet.
9. Adjourn. Jessica moved to Adjourn at 7:07. Jen seconded. All in favor.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: September 14, 2022. 6:00 PM