

Johnson Public Library
P.O. Box 601
Johnson, VT 05656

Draft Meeting Minutes for the Board of Trustee's Meeting

Date of Meeting: April 9th, 2024

Location: Mason Lodge (Temporary Johnson Public Library)

Present: Trustees: Kelly Vandorn, Stacey Waterman, Jasmine Yuris, Sabrina Rossi, Jessica Bickford

Librarian: Jeanne Engel

1. Call to Order – 5:04 pm
2. Adjustments or Additions to the Agenda: None.
3. Review and Approve Minutes from March 27th, 2024. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes with minor spelling corrections, Stacey seconded, all board members in favor.
4. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Year to date review of spending. There is still program money in the budget, \$1,000 for equipment capitol, money left in Building capital Expense and Maintenance.
 - b. Jeanne will talk to Rosemary about carrying over the VT communities grant to be used next year.
 - c. Kelly motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Jessica seconded, all board members in favor.
5. Librarian's report
 - a. Option to accept the Vermont Humanities Grant: Jeanne talked to the Vermont Humanities Council and clarified what could be spent utilizing the grant funds. It can be used to reimburse Mason for heater/improvements to the basement for the temporary library placement. Jasmine will reach out to Randall regarding help for simple reporting on the grant process. Stacey motioned to accept the grant from the Vermont Humanities Council, Jasmine seconded, all board members in favor.
6. Facilities – Jessica
 - a. No new information from 3/27/24 meeting.

7. FEMA Update

- a. Kelly and Jeanne went to the FEMA meeting. Discussion continued regarding if the repairs to the library should start. Still undetermined. However, one helpful piece of information is that at 18 months an extension can be filed for up to 30 months. This would be an option that is eligible in December of 2024 and provide a cushion to hear about the US Treasury Capital Projects grant.
- b. Agreed that it is still murky on FEMA money in collaboration with US Treasury Capital Projects Grant as generally FEMA doesn't pay out money if getting federal money elsewhere. However, these are two very different projects:
 - i. Preflood and mitigation – FEMA money and need the historical component.
 - ii. US Treasury Capital Projects Grant – moving the building.
- c. No news yet from the Historical Trust to start project yet, even though submitted to Historical Preservation officer.
- d. At the FEMA meeting a few questions were asked regarding the salvation of the wood from shelving and mini splits and heating system. Kelly reported that ultimately Ron and Tom are doing a great job working with FEMA.
- e. Board brainstormed different ideas of the library if able to move to Legion field around the parking lot. Makes the most sense to ensure the library is out of the 500 year flood plain even if the parking lot has potential for some water.

8. School Board Meeting

- a. School Board Meeting is being held this evening. Location where the land proposed for new location of library on Legion Field is owned by Lamoille North Supervisory District. Board will adjourn to attend this meeting to work with Tom re: proposal to turn land over/sell land to Johnson for purposes of moving library.
- b. Benefits of library being near Johnson Elementary revisited including;
 - i. Access to 10,00 + children's books at Public library.
 - ii. Parents allowing children to attend library.
 - iii. After school programming.
 - iv. Potential for collaboration between public and school libraries/school for activities.
 - v. Evacuation location for Johnson Elementary School.
- c. Timeline is contingent on Grants.

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. Adjourn 5:43 pm to attend school board meeting.

- a. Jessica motioned, Kelly seconded, all in favor.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 8th, 2024