

Johnson Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes October 7, 2024

Present: Jeanne Engel, Jessica Bickford, Stacey Waterman, Kelly Vandorn, Jasmine Yuris

Absent: Sabrina Rossi

1. **Call to Order:** Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm
2. **Adjustments or Additions to the Agenda:** There were no adjustments or additions to the agenda
3. **Review and Approve Minutes for the August 14th meeting:** In section C.i., Jessica's name is misspelled. Kelly moved to approve the minutes with that adjustment, and Stacey seconded.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Stacey plans on bringing a preliminary budget draft to vote on to next month's meeting. Kelly moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Jessica seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
5. **Librarian's Report:** Jeanne reported that the Johnson Community Workshops are proving to be popular, with 250 people signed up for classes, and most of the classes are full/waitlisted. Jeanne has put in a request for the Masons to further insulate the basement heading into Winter, as last Winter proved to be rather chilly in that space. They have agreed to bank the outside walls with insulation. We have now switched over to using Corse for our propane, following the town's discretion. Kelly moved to accept the Librarian's report, Jasmine seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
6. **Updates on Grant, Land Transfer, Open Meeting Law:** The Trustees took a minute to "Yay" and "woop" in regards to receiving the \$1.69 million grant, then took a collective deep breath. Construction should be finished by December 2025, according to the grant. In regards to the land transfer from the school district, we are waiting for them to finalize permits. We are waiting on further instructions from the town for the new open meeting law logistics.
7. **Joint Meeting with the Selectboard:** Later that evening, Kelly and Jeanne were planning on attending the Selectboard Meeting. Tom Galinat is hoping the Selectboard will approve him as "point person" for this grant, so he can see through the first RFPs that need to go out in a timely manner (moving company, utilities, and General Contractor). The board agreed that once work and spending had begun, we would like to request a monthly financial report for the project. We would also like to request a joint meeting with the Selectboard to set expectations for our role in decision making moving forward with this project.

8. **VLA Catastrophic Flooding Grant:** Through the Waterwheel Foundation, there is funding for Libraries who experienced flooding. The Trustees agreed that we could apply for funding to help cover the cost of insulating the basement, as well as ask for financial help with outfitting the new Library space with furniture (seating, desks, etc.).
9. **Re-Imagine Johnson Report:** There was little to no discussion amongst the community at the September Reimagine Johnson event. Jeanne was present.
10. **Unfinished Business:** None.
11. The **meeting adjourned** at 7:23 pm with Jessica making the motion, Stacey seconding, and the board unanimously agreeing.

Next Regularly Scheduled meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024