

## Pierson Library Board of Trustees Minutes

September 20, 2018

7:00 PM

### Town Offices, Meeting Room 1

In attendance:

Trustees: Laureen Mathon, Jane Osborne McKnight, Cathy Townsend, Barb Comeau (via phone), John Boscia (arrived 7:20 pm)

Library: Kevin Unrath

Guest: Rick Bessette, Town Poet Laureate, Candy Bessette

1. Call to Order 7:05 PM
  
2. Approval of Agenda – Laureen makes a motion to amend agenda to include Meeting Room 1, add to #6, Authorize...and 9a. Consider a motion to donate to the Project Fund and 9b. Discuss temporary revision of Policy 2.3, length of loans, Jane seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
  
3. Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2018 – Cathy moved to accept minutes, Laureen seconded, Motion approved unanimously.
  
4. Public Comment – Congratulations to Kevin on his one year anniversary.
  
5. Guest Rick Bessette, Town Poet Laureate – He wrote a poem for the graduating class, every 8<sup>th</sup> grader was given that poem. On June 29<sup>th</sup>, did a “Let’s Talk Poetry” in Town Hall, goes to Arbors just to read to them, July 30<sup>th</sup> did a poetry event at Coach Farms at Shelburne Farms along with a 14 year old violinist from Charlotte with 2 other poets, August 23<sup>rd</sup> met with Jensa Bushey, literary coordinator at SCS – will work this year with 6 students, 4 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will rotate kids to work with him. Rick wrote poem for the ground breaking, “A New Beginning”.
  
- John arrived 7:20 pm
  
- 6a. Treasurer’s Report – We got a bequest in November 2016 which is why we have a larger balance than normal. We get a dividend from Vermont Community Foundation every spring.  
  
Authorize acceptance of gift of \$1,000 as a pass through to the project – Town will not accept stocks or dividends, but we do have an account to accept them. Jane moves that the trustees approve the pass through of the \$1,000 to the General Fund. Laureen seconds and motion passed unanimously.
  
7. Director’s Report – Great article in Shelburne News about the Men’s book club. Circulation is almost even with last year’s numbers. People are finding us in the temporary location. New landlord Lou Vitale – owns the Hood plant in Burlington, wants to open a childcare center once we leave. We will do some after school program where children come from SCS and will have them workout and then have a program at the library. Discussion of emails regarding copyright infringement. We should notify Town VLCT (insurance).
  
8. Project update – Groundbreaking June 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., Trailer meeting, construction meetings, design meetings continuing. Chandeliers from Town Hall are being restored. Storage of several items is being done through Trustees, inventory list is being kept. Savings to trustees as we thought we’d have to pay for storage. Kevin, Cathy & Barb went to conference on fundraising and learned of some grants we might be able to apply for later.

9a. Consider a motion to donate to the Project Fund – Laureen moves to donate funds from Trustee account to the general building fund, Cathy seconded, Barb voted yes, John abstained, Jane votes no, Ruth approves. Motion passed.

9b. Discuss temporary revision of Policy 2.3, length of loans – Recommendation to keep books out for 3 weeks (not new books). Jane moves that Trustees amend policy 2.3 regarding loan of library materials as follows by adding this sentence to end of 2.3, “Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the period that the library is housed at the Shelburne Athletic Club, the library director may at his discretion alter these time periods as needed”. Cathy seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Review draft Library Operating Budget for FY2020 – postponed until next meeting.

11. Next meeting, **October 18, 2018**

12. Laureen moves to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm. Cathy seconds. Motion passed unanimously.