

Approved Minutes of the Pierson Library Board of Trustees meeting August 1, 2023, 5:00 PM

Call to order by 5:10 PM

Present: Alice Brown, Holly Brough, Charlotte Albers, Kristin Kelly Jangraw, Lisa Merrill, Alex Nalbach, Becky Jewett, Chris Sharp, Julia Shrier; Interim Director Cathy Townsend, Town Manager Matt Lawless, new Director Michael Hibben

Motion for the approval of Agenda by Alice; seconded by Char; 5:10 PM

Motion for the approval of Minutes from June 7, 9:00 AM meeting by Alicw: seconded by Char; 5:12 PM

Motion for the approval of Minutes from June 7, 6:30 PM meeting by Alice: seconded by Char; 5:12 PM Add Becky to attendees.

Motion for the approval of Minutes from June 10, 8:30 AM meeting by Alice: seconded by Char; 5:12 PM

Motion for the approval of Minutes from June 20, 4:30 PM meeting by Alice: seconded by Becky; 5:13 PM

Discussion of MLK sculpture with Chris Sharp. Has done other important sculptures, mostly demonstrating good acts done by others. Chris is very impressed with MLK as a person and as a speaker & motivator, and he explains the sculpture that he created. He is offering a copy of the sculpture to the Pierson Library. Good discussion on this, with us considering our policy of not having any permanent collections. Could the Town Offices house the sculpture? Chris feels that the sculpture should be housed in an institution that educates the public. Could it be housed in the front entryway to the Town Hall, the one accessed from the Library, a space that is almost the Town Hall? This piece is social value-driven, not an artifact, not just aesthetic value. Need more time to make a decision on this important item. Perhaps alter our policy; find a way to accept this important piece within our policy. Each of us will think on this over the next months.

Treasurer's Report:

Looking very good

Switching Treasurers done—thank you Alex and Becky!

Library Director Update:

Things are going very well! Tech Tuesday is well-attended.

Magazine shelving in the community room? Could be a good way to use the display shelves in the room. Got an estimate for this work from a great carpenter. If meetings are occurring in this room, can people access the materials? Or could we put a rotating collection of coffee-table

books here, and keep the magazines on the 2nd floor? Vote on this in later, once we have a better idea of how we want to use that room.

The Board thoroughly appreciated the increased quality and quantity of postings on social media.

The Board really wants to thank Cathy Townsend for an excellent job as Interim Director.

Matt reminds us that the new budget season is upon us. He needs the information on a 5-year plan for our capital needs (such as a new roof on the Town Hall!), as well as details on our 2025 budget. Planning commission will vote on it after we get that info to him.

If students trustees were able to vote, then this would help boost our numbers in the event that other Board members aren't present. Julia and Lily looked at our by-laws, and considered editing them so that up to two student Board members' votes are recorded in the minutes, and that decisions would be made by a majority of the non-student Board members. Motion to amend our bylaws on **student Trustee** voting and member by Alice ; seconded by Bekcy; 6:23 PM

Preparations for New Director, starting August 14th

Lisa and Michael will meet tomorrow; Cathy will overlap with Michael his first week on the job.

Discussion of finding a new Trustee

Content of posting + deadline: Candidates with interest in the arts and community engagement are especially encouraged. We will spread the word among groups.

Where to advertise: FPF and SBPA and Libarry & Shelburne News (Holly), starting now or after Labor Day. Deadline for submissions September 15, submit letters to Holly.

Interview process: Can weed through pool of candidates and decide how many to interview.

Shelburne Day (Saturday, August 19th)

Scavenger Hunt & pencils 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Welcome new Director 10:30 AM

Special program: Birds of Prey 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Scoop truck 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Clarify free ice cream for everyone who does the Scavenger Hunt in publicity !!! Alice, Lisa (part), Char, maybe Becky, maybe Kristin.

Motion to approve up to \$600 for Scoop truck for Shelburne Day by Becky, second by Char.

Note—Ask Scoop to please limit the number of flavors!. And arrive to serve by 11:00, please! We can help serve, if needed.

Library Trustee projects & ideas

Policy manual review – Behavior in the library (Holly, Kristin) No update.

Art in the library (Alex, Julia) No update.

Storybook walks (Kristin, Holly, Julia) – permanent stands. Rob might look into a grant from SCHIPS, though the Trustees could fund it? Char will follow up with Rob.

Gardens – landscaping. Thank you Char and crew!

Friends Book Sale October 27th – 29th, accepting book donations Tuesday PM and Saturday AM

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday September 21, 2023, 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn by Alice; seconded by Becky. 7: 08 PM