

Director's Reports

Library Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

At the Leverett Library and on Zoom

In attendance at Library: Hannah Paessel, Library Director; Joan Godsey and Lisa Werner, Trustees; Georgie Schmid, Working Group member

In attendance via Zoom: Wayne Feiden, Project Manager; Chris Condit, Judith Davidov, Rachel Flint, and Seth Seeger, Trustees; Leslie Fisette, Friends of Leverett Library

Approval of June 12th meeting minutes

Joan moved, Rachel seconded, and we unanimously approved the June 12 meeting minutes.

Trustee Business:

Grounds Project - Materials for boardwalk

Seth and Hannah provided a summary of Working Group progress.

- Working group recommendations:
 - 1. Superstructure materials: helical metal posts with framing material to be determined
 - 2. Boardwalk materials: 1st choice black locust; 2nd choice recycled plastic lumber
 - 3. Include edging material on soft surfaces/pathways for visually-impaired users and for pathway maintenance.

We discussed the working group recommendations for materials. Joan moved that we accept the above recommendations of the working group. Rachel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- We will begin to incur costs, wetland delineation etc. The plan is to use the Gift Account for this.

We discussed likely costs and the need for Hannah to have authorization for paying these costs. Lisa moved that we authorize Hannah to expend funds from the Gift Account for any costs incurred to move this project forward. Judith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- We also recommend a second focus group for residents with disabilities. The 1st focus group is for neighbors. Wayne could conduct them both on the same day, at different times.

We discussed and endorsed this idea.

Building - Siding Repair

Most of the damaged siding has been repaired but the north end (with the stained glass) is the last area to be fixed. Charlie Abbott, the carpenter has discovered significant rot that includes three sashes. The cause is likely the vertical siding in combination with the location. We have two choices:

1. replace vertical siding and window sashes for a 5-8 or 10 year solution (approximately \$6,000). Then ask for a warrant article at that time to replace the siding with horizontal clapboards.

2. replace the windows and the siding with horizontal clapboards now to fully address the problem (approximately \$11,000). This second choice would be \$4-5,000 beyond our municipal building appropriation for FY25.

We discussed these two options and the need to monitor the area in an ongoing manner. Following the discussion, Joan moved that we move ahead with option 1 above for the 5 - 10 year solution. Rachel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

250th Parade

Thanks to the Friends (especially Leslie!) for organizing our participation and to Kathy for taking photos!

New Programming Librarian

Elena Pepe-Salutric has accepted the position of Programming Librarian.

She has a background in museums providing both early childhood and adult programming and has worked at the ALA Public Programs Office.

She also currently works at the Montague Public Libraries on a part time basis and will continue with them. Hannah has researched best practices and structure for retaining a part time librarian who works another part time job.

Hannah will ask the Select Board to appoint her at their next meeting on Tuesday.

She will start next Wednesday, July 17th.

Friends Update

The Tote Bag for The Friends fundraiser should be available by the end of the month!
It will be a black bag with artwork from Lori Lynn Hoffer.

Next Meeting: September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Joan moved and Judith seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed
unanimously.