

Langdon Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes March 13, 2020

Present: Trustees Jack O'Reilly (JO); David Turbide (DT), Lillian Wilson (LW), Peter Welch (PW); Alternates Lee Lamson (LL), Steve Bush ; Library Director Lara Croft Berry (LCB)

Meeting called to order by JO at 10:45

This was a "special" meeting, called ahead of the usual third Thursday, primarily to discuss strategy for the town meeting to be held the following day.

The library trustees, having failed to receive the selectmen's endorsement for a proposed \$80,000 warrant article for driveway expansion, wrote and circulated a petition for same. A petition-based warrant article cannot be changed by the selectmen prior to presentation at the town meeting. The petition was circulated and more than enough signatures obtained, so the trustees wanted to be prepared to present it to the town for a vote.

When the warrant article comes up, JO will step down from his position of moderator so he can discuss the issue with the residents. DT will defer to LCB who will talk about the need. Next, PW will discuss how we came up with the design and where the lot should be. JO will review the history – how we got to this point.

Treasurer's Report: Since LW will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled meeting next week, she gave her treasurers report to the board. In summary, we're good. Spending is in line with the budget and there are no unforeseen expenses pending.

Covid-19 The situation and recommendations seem to be changing day-to-day. At this point, CDC is "actively encouraging employees to stay home" if they have any cold or flu symptoms. Under normal operations part time employees are not paid for sick time, so are actually encouraged to come to work if they are not feeling well. The trustees decided, in this unusual situation, that part time employees will be paid if the call in sick. This applies in the event that the library is closed during this difficult time.

Cleaning precautions were discussed, as was the difficulty of obtaining cleaning supplies at this time. LCB was encouraged to contact the cleaning company and ask if they can increase their schedule from once per week to twice per week.

All programs are suspended through the end of March – book club, family hour, game night, tech talks.

It was agreed that we should apply our regular policy (for snow storms, etc.) to this situation: if the school is closed, the library will be closed.

Due to the uncertainty hanging over library operations, possible closure, restrictions on face-to-face meetings, etc. the board will postpone next week's March trustee board meeting to April 2 at 1:30 pm.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2020 @ 1:30PM

Board meeting adjourned - moved by DT, seconded by PW, passed 5-0 at 12:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted: David A Turbide, board secretary