

Langdon Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes November 13, 2019

Present: Trustees Jack O'Reilly (JO); David Turbide (DT), Catherine Hazelton (CH), Library Director Lara Croft Berry (LCB)

This special meeting was called without public notice to address an issue that could not wait for the next scheduled meeting or the required public notice.

The meeting was called in response to an incident in which library staff were made aware that bed bugs may have been transferred to the library in materials that had been returned.

LCB reported that the immediate response has been to identify, retrieve and isolate all potentially affected materials and place them in a closed container away from the public areas of the building. Research (Internet, calls to other libraries, advice from pest control experts) all indicate that bedbugs, if present, do not find a library as a compatible environment and will not thrive or spread from library materials.

LCB arranged for two separate pest control experts to evaluate the library environment and suggest remedial action. The trustees decided to close the library until both experts have determined its safety.

All indications to this point indicate that there is little or no danger of a problem or spread of bedbugs to patrons. Nevertheless, we will go the extra mile, and order treatment of potentially affected materials just to be sure.

The board agreed that a notice should be circulated explaining the situation and our response to the town and the patrons.

Board meeting adjourned - moved by JO seconded by CH, passed 3-0 at 5:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted: David A Turbide, board secretary