

Newington LBOT Meeting Minutes 3/15/17

Present: Trustees Steve Bush (S), Jack O'Reilly (J), David Turbide (D), Lillian Wilson (L), Alternate Peter Welch (P), Library Director Lara Croft (LC)

Meeting called to order by Chair S at 1:40

Minutes: (On file in the library) Moved by D and seconded by P to accept the 8 February 2017 minutes. Accepted 4-0 (L abstained-not at the meeting).

Treasurer's Report: (On file at the library). Town has advanced sufficient funds for the quarter. All accounts are doing OK. There are still 2 more bond payments left to send to the Town.

Officers: Officers will need to be voted in after Town Meeting 3/18. Moved by S and seconded by P that Chair-Jack, Deputy Chair and Secretary-Dave, Treasurer-Lil and Deputy Treasurer- Cathy. Motion was approved 5-0.

LBOT Alternate: Moved by J and seconded by D to recommend Steve Bush and Lee Lamson as Alternates for the upcoming year. Motion approved 4-0 with S abstaining.

Director's Report: (On file in the library):

- ☐ Art displays continue. J mentioned the possibility of contacting more artists at the April Great Bay Discovery art show. Newington school is displaying in March with the LBOT's own Dave Turbide in April.
- ☐ Will try some LED/Solar lights LC purchased to try to fix the outside light issue.
- ☐ Candidates Night had good results with 35 attending. Internal space was an issue along with parking (see below). With more time to prepare and attendee feedback we hope next year's is even better.
- ☐ Staff continues to attend various training and conferences.
- ☐ Thanks to the 3 police officers and 2 firefighters who attended the recent Dr. Seuss Birthday Party.
- ☐ Working on a "kids" page for our website.

Library Week: Moved by J and seconded by D to allow Cathy to spend up to \$60 from trust funds toward staff appreciation. Approved 5-0.

Book Drop: It is bent again and will need to be repaired. The Highway Department has this for action. Long discussion ensued as to best location. One that would deposit the books directly into the building is preferred but is not as convenient for patrons. LBOT will look at this.

Parking: With the usual increase in attendance for programs, there is an obvious lack of adequate parking. One person even tried to attend the Candidates Night but left due to no spaces available with all the snow. J mentioned that during construction of the addition increasing the length of the parking lot was discussed but funds were not available. Funds will likely be needed to be appropriated at next year's Town Meeting. P will take the lead.

Sidewalk: The issue of putting steps in the hill by the front door was discussed. This has been addressed in the past. It was not recommended by the addition's architect due to Code issues. There is a possible liability to the library if these were built. P noted that rain runs off the roof into that area so a roof would possibly be needed. It was also pointed out that a railing would be needed. LBOT agreed to not add steps there.

Annual NHLTA Meeting: It will be May 23rd in Concord. L encouraged the LBOT to attend if possible, especially new members.

Next meeting will be 4/5/17 @ 1:30.

Adjournment: At 2:35, moved by S, seconded by P to adjourn. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jack O'Reilly

ACCEPTED