

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Friday, April 20, 2018

11:30 AM

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AGENDA

Present: Marla Robinson, Chair; Ann Howley, Vice-Chair; Ann-Mara Lanza, Secretary; Ann Rappaport, Maura Murphy, Trustees; Jamie Jurgensen, Library Director; Elise MacLennan, Assistant Director; Inna Ivers, IT Director.

Also present: Jennifer Siedman, Library Foundation Director; Betsy Roberti, Advisory Liaison; Mary Ann Cluggish, Town Meeting member

Absent: Diane Savage, Trustee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from April 3, April 9 and April 10 meetings were unanimously approved
Maura moved, Ann R. seconded.

2. Foundation Development Update

Jennifer Siedman, Foundation Development Director discussed the Foundation's intent to provide funds for the Fells Branch library renovation. She gave the Trustees the background of a gift from a family to the general branch campaign in 2008. A portion of the gift was for operating purposes and the balance was restricted for a branch endowment fund. There was a naming opportunity attached to the gift.

The endowment portion resides in the Foundation's investment portfolio where it earns small interest income. Jennifer spoke with the donors about the Fells project, and they are willing to release the restrictions on the endowment portion of their earlier gift so that the funds can be used for the Fells. The Foundation Board has no objection to this

release, as it would support a current branch project. The Foundation has no plans at this time to do a branch endowment campaign and any future endowment campaign would be for overall Library needs. In exchange for the release, the donors ask that the naming opportunity appear in the header of one of the bookshelves at the Fells. Jennifer asked the Trustees to consider this request as the Board decides naming opportunities. Trustees agreed to do so and will be discussed further and voted on at the May meeting. Jennifer is on the agenda of the May meeting.

Jennifer mentioned that proceeds from the Gala were approximately \$275,000 at this time but all expenses have not yet been paid. Trustees acknowledged all the hard work of the Foundation Gala Committee under Jennifer's direction.

Mary Rich, the Boston Marathon Runner who represented the Foundation finished the race and has raised approximately \$5000. Marla asked Jamie to send a letter to Mary expressing the Trustees' gratitude for her efforts.

3. Town Meeting Preparation

The trustees thanked Mary Ann Cluggish for coming to this meeting. Mary Ann made the motion for reconsideration of Article 19 (library renovation project design funds) at Town Meeting on April 10, 2018.

The Trustees discussed the outcome of April 19th Board of Selectmen meeting and lack of clarity as to whether the Selectmen refrain from opposing both the motion for reconsideration and for Article 19 should it be reconsidered. The Trustees would like to see the Town's overall financial modeling for the upcoming years and where the library fits in.

The Trustees discussed the process for reconsideration at the April 23rd Town Meeting with Mary Ann who will make the motion for reconsideration. Don McCauley (Moderator) grants the vote to allow reconsideration (requires a vote of 3/5 of those present). If this vote passes, Article 19 will be revoted, again needing a 2/3 vote of those present for passage.

In her comments to Town Meeting, Marla will clarify the WFL Foundation endowment, including a short description of funds that are restricted in the Centennial Fund for material enhancements as well as the strong commitment of the Foundation to support the project. Private dollars would go mainly to FF&E.

If the vote for reconsideration doesn't pass or if Article 19 doesn't pass, the Trustees will move Article 20 (Automated Materials Handler). The Trustees plan to bring any failed articles back to Town meeting.

Marla, Maura and Ann H. had an excellent meeting with the Executive Committee of the Foundation Board on April 18, 2018. At the meeting, Bill McNamara (President) reiterated that while the Foundation is in strong support of the renovation project, they are not yet prepared to give an estimate of the amount of support they will provide. Wording for Marla to give in her statement to Town Meeting was developed at this meeting.

It was also mentioned that demanding that the proposing board specify an exact amount of private funds for a public project is a highly unusual situation.

Trustees will reach out to Town Meeting members by phone or email to encourage Town Meeting to vote favorably on Articles 19 and 20.

ADJOURNMENT

Ann R. moved, Maura seconded to adjourn at 1:55 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WFL Board of Library Trustees is May 14, 2018 at 9:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

Ann-Mara Lanza, Secretary, WFL Board of Trustees

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