

James E Nichols Memorial Library
35 Main Street, Center Harbor NH
August 28, 2017

Present: Trustees: Kevin Desmond, Sarah Heath, Karin Karagozian, Jo Morse, Alternates Lynn Allen, Shannon Whalen, Jessie Foley and Librarian Jon Kinnaman. Guest: Karin Ponton of the Heritage Commission

Meeting: called to order at 5:00 pm.

July 24 Minutes

Minutes accepted as presented; Kevin m/ Sarah s; unan. passed.

Energy Committee—Annette Nichols

Lights to be delivered on Sept. 7 or 8, and construction to start Sept. 18. Lights can be temporarily stored in the basement, using the outside door entrance. They need 6 days to make the installation and refurbishing. Library pays for the refurbishing. Library to reopen Sept. 25.

Heritage Commission-- Karin Ponton

At a Selectmen's Meeting, Sarah Heath spoke about work needing to be done on the library. Karin was impressed by her comments. An historic assessment of a building can be done by the Heritage Commission—things that need to be addressed. An initial grant from the NH Preservation Alliance may provide money for the assessment—a roadmap for the building's repairs. An assessment firm should have experience with historic buildings. Both the School House and the Town House were assessed by different firms. Both projects came to about \$8,000. It would be helpful to ask Chris Williams and Alba Architect for estimates. There is no timeline when one must follow through on the repairs. The Town House project took about 5 months to complete. The School House has been assessed this summer. The Trustees agreed to consider this possibility, and Karin is willing to write a grant for the assessment funds.

Librarian's Report—Jon Kinnaman

Our July monthly circulation was in the ballpark of the past 7 Julys. The Nonfiction Book Group will discuss Sheri Fink's Five Days at Memorial in August.

Treasurer's Report—Sarah Heath

Expenses—as expected. Jo m/Kevin s; unan. passed.

Old Business

Landscape didn't get the message about filling the pots by the steps, but they are now filled.

Sarah checked the estimate on the roof tiles. Still don't have a date for the work. We are looking at next year for this work. Computers should last another year.

New Business

There are lease arrangements on audible books. Some of the best sellers are read when they first come out, but then not read by other patrons. Jon to check lease costs. It's hard to store anything in the basement because of fire hazard.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by.

Jo Morse, Secretary

Next Trustees Meeting is September 25, 2017