

Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees, 05/9/2023, 5 pm

Call to Order: Doris Cowdrey called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

Chairperson's statement: *This meeting is not being recorded by the Library Board of Trustees. If any other persons present are recording this meeting, they must notify the chairperson at this time.*

Roll Call: Sarah Ahearn Bellemare, Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Doris Cowdrey, Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, Sam Wood

Other members of Team Library: Ellen Boyer (Director), Paul Jablon

Public: Mary Chicoine

Changes/Additions to the Agenda – none

Public Comment –

Mary Chicoine introduced herself

- member of Library Landscaping Committee
- creator of library bee sculpture
- hopes bee will be part of front plaza at new library

Approval of minutes from April meeting

MOTION: On a motion by Ed Berlin, seconded by Bill Benson, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the April meeting minutes

Friends Report

- 3 new people will be joining the Friends Board
- Restaurant Raffle will be held again this year

New Business

- **Placement of Mary Chicoine's bee sculpture**
 - o Mary Chicoine gave a brief background of the Library Landscape Committee's work around the placement of permanent sculptures on the plaza of the new library
 - o Mary also talked about why she chose to paint a library bee and her hopes for the placement of her bee sculpture
 - o Trustee discussion of placement of Mary's bee followed
 - Question of ownership of plaza at new library now and once we have a Certificate of Occupancy
 - Question of ownership of sidewalks and tree belt
 - Question of how bee sculptures are installed
 - As there were many unanswered questions Trustees were reluctant to commit to a permanent placement of the bee

MOTION: Sam Wood made the following motion, seconded by Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyka:

I move that the Trustees vote in favor of placing this wonderful bee sculpture created specifically for the new library by artist Mary Chicoine at a temporary location at the

site of the new library for the purposes of Bee Fest 2023 on May 20.

VOTED: Motion was approved unanimously

- o Mary said she appreciated the opportunity to speak and thanked the Trustees for their vote.

- **Introduction of New Library Art Committee**

The concept of New Library Art Committee was presented to the Trustees by Bill Benson several months ago. The committee has been formed and has begun its work. Committee members include Sarah Ahearn Bellemare, Bill Benson, Doris Cowdrey, and Francesca Passiglia. Members of the committee have visited the studios of several local artists and are in the process of securing artwork for the new library. Frank Gregory, a local artist who donated a painting to the library many years ago, has agreed to advise the committee and help with installation of the art pieces.

Old Business and Committee Reports

- **Building Committee**

- o Building Committee deferred to Director's Report

- **Foundation**

- o Doris Cowdrey reported that the Foundation is alive and well

Director's Report - FINAL timeline for events leading up to Grand Opening

- June 17 --- last day at Leavitt Hovey House - all library services suspended
- June 19 --- city offices closed for Juneteenth – library staff does not report to work
- June 20 --- library staff reports to Leavitt Hovey House (which is closed to the public) to prepare for move
- June 21, 22, 23 --- Sitterly Movers works with library staff to move collections, etc.
- June 21, 22, 23 --- IT begins transition to new library - during this time Fernando says we will be in an “internet black hole” - no computers, no phones
- June 26 until they get it done --- IT continues computer and telephone work in new library
- July 26 - July 12 --- staff gets ready to open to the public
- July 4 --- city offices closed for July 4 – library staff does not report to work
- **July 13 --- Grand Opening ceremony**
- July 14 and 15 --- fun and festivities continue

Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion by Bill Benson, seconded by Ed Berlin, it was unanimously
VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm