

Board of Trustees 8/14/18

Present: Bill Benson, Ed Berlin, Doris Cowdrey, Janine Greaves, Deb Klein, Paul Jablon, Karen Larabee, Ellen Boyer (Director), Lisa Prolman (Ass't Director)

Guests: None

Public: None

Meeting called to order at 5:16pm.

- Changes/additions to the agenda
 - Status update on Advocacy Committee
 - Update on goings on around the building committee -- FD, etc.
 - Fair parade request
- Public comment -- none
- Approval of minutes from previous meetings
 - June -- Janine moved, Deb seconded; passed
 - July -- Ed moved to accept with 1 amendment, Doris seconded; passed
- Friends report
 - Posters are being distributed; only a few left; Ed wanted to note the Friends did an amazing job distributing the posters.
 - Book sale on 8/4; made \$1,260
 - Fall raffle is set up by the circ desk; annual quilt and computer
 - Looking for volunteers for the Roundhouse at the Fair
 - Deerfield craft fair 9/22-23; GSB is having an opening on 9/28. Will sell raffle tickets at both events and are hoping to have balloons, petition, etc. Foster's on 10/19; Drawing on 10/27 at a book sale at noon.
 - Discussion of Board support for funding and new library; unanimous vote of support
 - Wednesday 9/5 at 4pm Friends Annual Meeting in the LeVanway Room; meeting then refreshments upstairs in the main library
- New business
 - Library Fair Parade Committee is requesting a two hundred dollars for balloons, streamers, placards, etc.; Bill moves to give \$200 to committee for the parade, Janine seconded; passed

- Advocacy Committee is now being run by Ed Berlin with Paul Jablon; clear timeline and tasks are needed now
 - goal between now and 9/7 is to get each Trustee, Friends Board member, and Foundation to get 25 signatures each on the petition; with the exception of town employees who may not collect signatures
 - Hoping to generate letters to the editor and coordinate when they get sent regarding different aspects of the building
 - plan to set up individual meetings with the town councilors and committee members to see where councilors stand; plan is to do this before 9/7; also have plans to have precinct captains schedule meetings with supporters from precincts and councilors
 - people who signed the petition will be encouraged to write to their councilors in support of the building project.
- Tomorrow night the Town Council is going to vote on the Public Safety complex
 - Pretty sure vote will be no given the financials
 - Trustees have control of the property per letter from Mayor;
 - We cannot change site or size of the building; need to check if this means we can't change the size of the site.
 - Small amount of flexibility in number of parking spaces, but not much.
 - There is someone out there talking about an alternate building plan -- 3 stories with parking garage under the building -- which is not sanctioned by the building committee and most likely will cause us to lose the grant; also makes staffing and ADA accessibility much more difficult; need 66 spaces minimum at \$50,000/space to go underground
- Old business and committee reports
 - Building committee -- none
 - Communications committee -- none
 - Foundation -- none
 - Policy committee --none
 - MBLC Grant -- none
- Director's report
 - no questions on report

Motion to adjourn made by Janine, seconded by Deb; Passed.

Meeting ended at 6:15pm.