

Salisbury Free Library
Trustees Meeting Minutes ~ *Approved March 19, 2024*
March 5, 2024

Chair Michelle Carr called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. This is a regular meeting of the Trustees.

*The special meeting on February 19th was canceled.

All attached reports are available at the library during normal business hours, along with the appropriate approved minutes.

PRESENT: Trustees: Cheryl Bentley, Michelle Carr, Christine Dixon, Jennifer Hoyt and Nan O'Neill
Alternate: Leonida Rasenas
Nicole Morency, Director

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: February 6, 2024

The Board reviewed the minutes from February 6, 2024. Jennifer noted that "*no longer live in Town*" be added to the paragraph regarding non-public sealed minutes.

Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes with the additional wording with a 2nd by Nan. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHED

The Board reviewed the tabled January Treasurer's Report from the February meeting. Some changes and typos were suggested. Michelle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February with a 2nd by Nan. All approved.

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OLD BUSINESS:

WATER TEST: The Board reviewed the options for testing the water at the library. The comprehensive test shows results for arsenic and lead in addition to the routine water test. Some discussion followed regarding the water filtration system, that according to the Town's rental agreement for the Town Hall, was installed in 2018. The Town office has no records of billing or charges to change or cleans the filter since January of 2023. The Town Hall and the library share the same well. Nan made a motion to have the Comprehensive Test done at a cost of \$150 with a 2nd by Jen. All approved. This cost will be paid from the library budget. Cheryl will collect the water and drop off the sample/s.

WARRANT ARTICLES 18 & 19 ~ SEE ATTACHED

Chris will speak at Town Meeting on March 12th to explain the purpose of each Warrant Article. Some discussion followed. A simple majority vote is required to pass each. There is no impact to resident taxes from either Warrant Article.

UNSEALED NON-PUBLIC MINUTES: Tabled until the March 19th meeting due to time constraints.

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REVIEW OF MEETING SPACE POLICY: Tabled until March 19th. The Town's rental form for the Town Hall was distributed for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The Friends of the Salisbury Free Library have made a donation of 3 passes for patrons of the library. The passes are for The Squam Lakes Science Center, The Fells and the McAuliff-Shepard Discovery Center. Michelle made a motion to accept the passes from the Friends with a 2nd by Cheryl. All approved. The Board is especially pleased with their selection and donation to the library. Nicole stated that the McAuliff-Shepard passes were used the 1st day they became available. Chris will mail a Thank You card.

Cheryl stated that there had been some discussion regarding the benches in the library at the last meeting of the Friends of the Library. The benches were the original concept of the Friends as a storage space for items that they needed when the new addition was added to the library in 2008. The benches and cushions were paid for by the Friends. She also stated that the Friends will hold a future bake sale as a fund raiser, most likely during the Old Home Day.

SALISBURY HAUNTED WOODS DONATION: The Salisbury Haunted Barn and Trail has made a \$1,000.00 donation to the library. They have directed that it is to be used exclusively for children's programming. A copy of their letter is attached.

Michelle called for a roll call vote to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from The Salisbury Haunted Barn and Trail for children's programming with the following results: Cheryl Bentley, yes; Michelle Carr, yes; Chris Dixon, yes; Jennifer Hoyt, abstained; Nan O'Neill, yes. The motion carried. Chris will write a Thank You card.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Michelle made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Cheryl. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Next meeting: Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7PM
March 19, 2024 at 6 PM ~ special meeting of the Board
April 2, 2024 at 6 PM ~ regular meeting of the Board

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Dixon
Secretary

