

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Thursday, February 29, 2024
6:00 pm
James White Library

FREETOWN CLERK
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- Call to Order: Chairperson Paul Sadeck called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Paul Sadeck is recording the meeting.
- Members Present: Courtney Brightman, Amy Sypher, Linda Fournier, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck and Nicole Davignon- Library Director. Also present representing the Building Trustees are Rick Kendrick and Ross Edminster. Town Officials present are- Deborah Petty- Town Administrator and Keven Desmarais- Health Agent.
- Absent: Irene Ashley
- Septic System: Keven shared with the group that he was present at the library on Friday when the septic system was pumped. He noted that ground water was found infiltrating into the tank. He said this is a Title 5 failure and there is concern of leakage into nearby wells and secondary drinking water source. He said that a solution to this problem could be to replace the current system with a "tight tank". Keven to follow-up to see if this tank needs to be concrete or can it be fiber-glass. He made the recommendation that until the repair to the septic system has been completed the library should not use the current system. The Building Trustees are meeting on Sunday and a decision will be made by them as to whether or not they will proceed with this project. The Building Trustees indicated that they don't believe they have enough money to cover the cost of this project. After discussion, which included possible closure of the library, and input from the Town Administrator it was decided that the cost could be split 50/50. The Building Trustees would cover 50% and the library would cover 50%. The library would cover their portion by using monies from the donation account. The Building Trustees are to notify Paul on Monday of their decision.
- Water Quality: Paul informed the group that next week the water will be tested at the White Library.
- Temporary Alternatives: Until the septic issues are corrected the White Library will have a porta-potty available for staff and patrons.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Courtney Brightman and seconded by Amy Sypher the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Beverly Sadeck

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