

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Thursday, February 22, 2024
6:30 pm
James White Library

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Call to Order: Chairperson Paul Sadeck called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Mr Sadeck is recording the meeting.

Present: Linda Fournier, Amy Sypher, Courtney Brightman, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck and Nicole Davignon- Library Director.

Absent : Irene Ashley

Review of Payroll: Payroll for January was reviewed. There were no questions or discussion.

Review of Bills: Bills for January were reviewed. There were no questions or discussion.

Review of Minutes: The minutes from January were reviewed. On a motion made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Courtney Brightman the minutes were accepted. The motion passed.

Library Director: Nicole reported that the activities planned for school vacation week were well received by the patrons.

For the April school vacation a Super Mario party is being planned in addition to other activities for that week.

Nicole has met with the new Community Program Director- she shared with her the programs that the library already has in place. They discussed ideas for upcoming programs and how they can work together.

Home book delivery program - so far there has been no community participation.

Nicole reported that during today's activities there was an issue with the bathroom and the toilet not flushing. Carl Bizarro - Building Commissioner- was made aware. The septic system is planned to be pumped tomorrow to see if this will solve the problem.

Old Business: Grant Application- Nicole is progressing on her check list of items she needs to complete for the application. Nicole needs to set up a

meeting with the Town Administrator in order to get information for the grant. Also a "shared use plan" needs to be written.

Nicole updated the Library Trustees on the Planning Committees visit to the Upton library which is a shared building with the COA. Nicole is waiting to hear back from Carlos Lopes in order to set up a meeting with the Planning Committee, Library Trustees and COA Board to discuss the Upton visit. Potential dates are March 13th or March 20th at 5:30 pm.

Feedback from the Historical Society - no update.

Feedback from the Building Trustees regarding bathroom issue- no update

New Business: Water Filtration - see attached letter from the Building Commissioner. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Building Trustees.

Light in church parking lot - The electricity for this light is paid for by the church. The church has mentioned that they are considering turning this light off. The safety of the staff and patrons would be at risk if this light is shut off. After discussion a motion was made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Courtney Brightman stating that if we receive notice from the church that they are shutting the light off the James White Library will pay up to \$30/ month if the Town won't cover the cost to keep the light on. This is to be reviewed on an annual basis. The motion passed.

Water Testing - A motion was made by Amy Sypher and seconded by Linda Fournier to have the water tested at the White Library. The motion passed. Paul will contact the water department to have the water tested ASAP.

Next meeting : March 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Courtney Brightman and seconded by Linda Fournier. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Beverly Sadeck



Carl Bizarro
Building Commissioner

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To: Nicole Davignon-Library Director Town of Freetown Ma.

From: Carl Bizarro Building Commissioner/Facilities Manager

Re: Repairs and Maintenance at 5 Washburn Road

Dear Nicole Davignon,

As you are aware since December of 2023 the library has spent roughly \$567.00 to repair a toilet valve (\$222.95) and \$343.95 to install a filter (water filter). My experience with other similar buildings in Town is that these problems will continue to occur until such time as a water purification system is installed.

Because the water coming into the building is not being treated, we can expect the piping to become corroded and eventually fail as it has recently. To treat the water, I would recommend installing a water treatment system such as the one we recently installed at the Food Pantry which has corrected the problem with corroding pipes. The cost for the water system we installed was \$6,499 and it was installed by water Filtration Systems in Lakeville.

Respectfully,

Carl

