

Minutes of Tuftonboro Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 11, 2017

Present: **Trustees:** Gordon Hunt, Paul Matlock and Mary Ann Murray, **Alternate Trustee:** Marsha Hunter **Director:** Christie Sarles

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM

1. Public Comment: none

2. Minutes: Minutes were accepted with minor grammar changes

3. Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was accepted as presented.

4. Librarians Report: A) Bill Marcussen asked if the library would like to be part of a town wide bulk electrical purchase. Christie will provide Bill with our actual usage. B) Historical records including oral town and personal history collected during the bicentennial are being converted from video tape to CD in preparation for circulation. C) An exhibit of art from the school is opening. D) The summer children's programs are scheduled. E) A new fiction book group is starting. F) The library has been borrowing Maker Play toys, designed to foster STEM skills. The first one proved so popular that the library bought their own copy. G) The library will host a plant and book sale the same day as the town wide yard sale. H) New Museum passes are arriving. New this year will be a NH state parks pass.

5. New Business: A) The selectman's meeting where Skip Hurt's novel proposal to add onto the existing library was reviewed. There are many unresolved issues with Skip's plan. These include interior layouts, sightlines, security, entrances, bathroom code status, condition of the 40 year old septic system, HVAC, parking, and the obvious challenge of maintaining operations during construction. These will require architectural plans to resolve. Gordon has contacted SMP architects. They have made a proposal to us. For \$16,450, they will provide us with three options that are cost effective to construct and maintain. One would be Skip's design. Engineering, septic, and landscaping are not included. Because the trustees would like to vet Skip's proposal, fundraising may have to be put on hold, as the next step was to print literature based on the design utilizing the Dearborn property. Some donors have indicated they might reduce or eliminate their gift if the project is an addition to the current library. The trustees do not want to begin any construction before the town votes. The board asked for community members present to give their opinions. Joan Theve felt the LBAC did a good job and addressed necessary concerns. Bob Theve felt some of the yes votes go away if we do an addition. Steve Brinser felt Skip's proposal needed to be investigated or we would be suspect at town meeting. He also wondered if spending \$5000 to see if we felt the plan could work was a good first step (Gordon will inquire). Carla Lootens felt we needed to validate Skip's proposal, that engineering costs could be quite expensive (\$53,000 at the Dearborn property), and that money to validate Skip's proposal should come from the town. Terry Smith felt spending \$25,000 to validate the proposal as a kind of political insurance if, in the end, we still go forward on the Dearborn property. Ruth Smith felt enough is enough and that we needed to adopt a plan and move forward. Max Ledoux wondered if the plan for the Dearborn property needed to be updated. The path forward will be to meet with the selectmen to get their thoughts. Gordon will set up a meeting between the library trustees and the selectmen. The trustees wish to thank Skip for his time and consideration. B) The trustees accepted the town's harassment policy by a vote of 3-0.

Old Business: Fundraising for the new library will postpone printing of literature supporting that effort. MaryAnn wants to continue with fundraising as much as possible.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 8 at 8:00 AM

Respectfully submitted, Paul Matlock, recording secretary