

Rochester Public Library Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:56 PM

Members Present:

Trustees – Tony Goupee, Jolanta Labejsza, Mary Sue Crowley, Barbara Shenton
Librarian: Jeannette Bair

Guests: Doon Hinderyckx, Barbara and Marvin Harvey

Public Communications/Comments: None

Board Communications/Comment: None

Approval of September Minutes: The meeting minutes for August and September were moved and approved as published.

Review of Action Items: Jeannette got the appraisal work sheet from VLTC to show the trustees.

Treasurer's Report: Jeannette found a correction on an expense budgeted, that Barbara will have corrected. Moved to be accepted as presented.

Librarian's Report: The librarian's report was moved and accepted as presented.

Old Business:

Library Deed: Doon spoke to the town's legal council who says that if the building's ownership transfers from the trustees to the town, the lawyer sees no benefit to the town because of the wording of the original deed and changing them could be a liability and putting the building's ownership at risk. Doon assured the trustees that although the deed states that the trustees own the building, as elected representatives of the town, the building shall continue to be maintained by the town. Marvin and Barb requested that their counsel speak with the trustee's lawyer. The trustees expressed their concern about their own liability as owners of the library building, with the deed in its current form. Doon said he would take the library's concerns back to the selectboard.

Action Items: Jeannette is writing a letter about the building's maintenance needs.

Executive Session (personnel): Commenced 7:45 pm. Ended at 8:05 pm. The trustees discussed the annual staff evaluation with Jeannette.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next Meeting: November 14, 2017 at 5:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Shenton for Lynn Moltz, RPL Secretary