

North Greenbush Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

Trustees Present:

Joan Behan
Ken Bogdan
Delores Celeste
Peggy Derevlany
Jim Greenfield

Amy Hale
Jean Holmes
Ali Mariano
Melissa Miller
Katie Myer

Trustees Absent:

Mary Ellen Sullivan

Also in Attendance:

Mary Klimack, Library Director

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. on February 22, 2024 by Ken Bogdan.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Joan Behan, seconded by Jim Greenfield, the minutes of the January meeting were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Building Committee

Peggy Derevlany reported that there has been no further communication from Mr. Panichi, and recommended that we “back-burner” the Whiteview Road property while concentrating on alternatives.

Delores Celeste suggested property on Macha Lane, off Route 150, near the County Emergency Services building and provided contact information for the owner, which Peggy will pass along to our realtor, Laurie Leckonby. Several trustees mentioned property south of Hannaford on Main Avenue. Peggy will request that Laurie inquire. The 8-acre parcel at 453 Main Avenue remains on the market. The committee will revisit the site to determine if we should arrange for a site report from Paul Mays.

Friends of the Library Update

Jean Holmes reported that the Puzzle Sale will be held on May 25. The Friends now comprise 10 members, and have a permanent meeting space in the American Legion Hall on Main Avenue. Mary Klimack has provided the Friends with the patron mailing list for the 12144, 12180 and 12198 zip codes. The Friends have applied for a non-for-profit mail permit.

Long Range Plan

Mary Klimack included a preliminary draft of a proposed long-range plan for 2024–2028 in the documents sent to the Board prior to the meeting. The director’s report also includes links to the plans published by several UHLS libraries. Jean Holmes circulated the plan published by the Kent Public Library. The general style of the reports is brief and concise.

Ken Bogdan requested that Mary provided an updated draft for discussion at the March meeting.

New Business

There was no new business on the agenda.

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Director's Report

Mary Klimack presented the director's report, including circulation data and miscellaneous information.

UHLS is challenging libraries to review their facilities, collections and policies to assure that they are compliant with the motto and concept that "Libraries Are for Everyone." They are encouraging participation by awarding \$500 to for each section of the challenge completed. Mary will begin by completing the Collection, Development and Purchasing section.

The written report is incorporated into these minutes by reference. A copy will be filed with the minutes.

Financial Reports

Financial reports were distributed to all trustees in advance of the meeting. The tax levy has been credited to our account.

Upon motion by Peggy Derevlany, seconded by Katie Myer, the financial reports were approved unanimously.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. upon motion by Peggy Derevlany, seconded by Mellissa Miller and approved unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Peggy Derevlany, Secretary