

HMML Trustees Minutes 10/18/22

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03pm

In Attendance:

Libby Persons
Michelle Wheeler
John Clark
Betsy McCombs
Joan Harlow

Ben Brown

Not In Attendance:

John Cody

Secretary's Report:

Joan makes a motion to accept the 9/15/22 minutes , Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

There are a couple errors with the propane in the budget that are being worked out with Palmer. Percentages spent are in line with expectations except the cost of electric which is going up. Other things are a little under though so now worries.

John has a couple of invoices from Lorax for coaching and new plants

Joan makes a motion to accept donations from the conscience jar are \$247. \$43 was donated by the Empath Support Group for using the community room for a total of \$290 in donations.

Betsy seconds, all are in favor.

There is a quote of \$850 to clean the library floors from the company who originally did it and there is a push to get it done before the year ends, in fact before Thanksgiving weekend.

At last night's meeting with the Selectman they were on board with our proposed budget. They said to anticipate a price increase for fuel, they suggested doubling it, in advance of a new contract with the fueler of the town. They recommended trying to negotiate with Comcast and joining the contract of town cleaning services. Does the company the town uses have room for another building? Would it end up being cheaper?

Betsy created a document for the Selectmen that broke down costs for each category showing what had been budgeted historically and a narrative of the changes.

We should not enter into any more copier contracts until we explore the possibility of merging with the town although we own our copier now and only have a service contract.

Director's report

Ben compared September to July in the absence of August numbers. ILL is up due to book groups starting up again on a regular basis. We have a Halloween party coming up and a Humanities event in early November.

Library expansion update

There are still a few plants in the replanting program that are not in yet. Barbara Willis has plant stakes that are going into the gardens (paid for by the Friends) , the Friends are going to take charge on installing the patio in May. The bricks for the library are the ones at the dump, John has obtained a pallet to stack 100 bricks on for storage in his garage for the winter. The Friends are also going to be responsible for the edibles in the garden in front of the community room. We don't need people to spread the wood chips but could use help to clean the area between the library and the Fire Museum. At the same meeting the Friends mentioned that the town was thinking of renaming the Mill Street Bridge after Charlie Goodspeed and there was a thought that the ceremony could take place in the community room that we want to be in his name as well.

Motion to move to executive session pursuant to RSA91-A:3 paragraph II-e is made by John at 7:30, Joan seconds, roll call vote shows everyone is in favor.

Motion to seal non public minutes by Joan, Libby seconds, all are in favor

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 by Joan, seconded by Libby, unanimously approved.