

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN Public Library Board of Library Trustees

Town Hall - Judge Welsh Room

Minutes of Joint Public Meeting with Board of Selectmen, May 27, 2014

Board of Library Trustees Present: EveLyn Kratz, Donna Vaillancourt, Mark Westman, James Johnson

BOS Chairman Donegan convened the meeting at 6:18 PM, noting the following:
Board of Selectmen attending: Tom Donegan, Erik Yingling, Robert Anthony, Cheryl Andrews and Raphael Richter.
Other attendees: Acting Town Manager David Gardner, Recorder: Mary Timmons

JOINT MEETINGS – LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Lyn Kratz

Item 1. Joint Appointment to fill a vacancy.

Selectman Yingling asked Mr. Desroches about other boards he had served on. Mr. Desroches spoke about his time with the Historical Commission. After discussion both the Library Board of Trustees and the Board of Selectmen voted to instate Mr. Desroches as a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Stephen Desroches as a regular member of the Library Board of Trustees with a term to expire on May 5, 2015.

Motion by: Erik Yingling Seconded By: Cheryl Andrews Yea 5 Nay 0

Library Board of Trustees Roll Call Vote

Lyn Kratz yes, Donna Vaillancourt yes, Mark Westman yes, James Johnson yes.

Item 2. Chairman Donegan asked the Trustees to provide more information on the disposition of the outbuilding next to the library building. Lyn Kratz explained it was initially intended to be a shed, and in the 1970's it was proposed to be a restaurant. It is now condemned. A mold test was conducted last week. There is a large amount of visible mold growth and it was suggested that the building should stay vacant.

The Library Board is requesting the building be closed to the general public. There is an ongoing discussion between Library Board and the Friends of the Library regarding where to hold the book sale. Ms. Kratz says the black mold has created a serious situation. Anything in that building should not be allowed inside the library. Mold remediation may solve the problem; however, there is no guarantee, and given the value of the books, mold remediation hardly seems worth it. The Selectmen assured the Trustees that if the building is taken down we would still have legal right to build something in its place.

The Board of Selectmen stated the Acting Town Manager should work with Board of Library Trustees to remedy to the mold problem and to assess the condition of the building.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms Vaillancourt made the motion to adjourn which passed 4-0-0.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Kratz
Board of Library Trustees