

Chester Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting, August 21, 2017
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 1027, at the Chester Public Library, 21 W. Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Terry Schreiber, Sandy Senior-Dauer, Deedee Prisloe, Peggy Carter-Ward, Denny Tovey and Karin Badger. Library Director Stephanie Romano was also present. Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Carter- Ward, second by Senior-Dauer, to approve June 19, 2017 Minutes amended as follows:

- **Under 5. Update on Gwen Orton-Jones Trust, 6th paragraph, 3rd sentence, correct to read, "Badger noted that was interesting because Terry Schreiber and some members knew about the Trust, and other Board members didn't know about its existence or how the funds were spent."**

Unanimously Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe distributed Monthly Treasurer's Report. She reviewed expenses, income and balances. Prisloe also noted she looked into Money Market but it would require \$50,000 to get a .35%.

Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Senior-Dauer, to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Unanimously Approved.

4. Update on North Quarter Park Plan

Denny Tovey noted the next meeting for the LBC is September 6th. An email was received today from Tom Newman, CT Librarian in charge of Grants. Mr. Newman has been made aware the Town will be submitting a letter for extension of the Grant by next Monday. There is a meeting of the CT Library Association on September 18th at 4 PM, which First Selectwoman Gister and Tovey will be attending.

A Board of Finance meeting was scheduled for September 28th. Chairman Schreiber asked if the BOF discussed this matter last week. First Selectwoman Gister replied no. Deedee Prisloe noted she was told there had been some discussion about John Schroeder's plan, but no decisions had been made.

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Karin Badger asked what the BOF will be discussing on September 28th. First Selectwoman Gister noted they are going to be crunching numbers. Tovey noted there will be an update on fund raising and grant funding. Gister noted the BOF wants a short presentation of the design of the project.

There was discussion as to what would happen with the old Library. It was noted the Historical Society might be interested in storing some historical items there. It might be nice to keep it a town property.

5. Gloria Eustis Tree Dedication Date

Chairman Schreiber noted the tree looks nice. It was placed by Barbara and Vinny Tomasi. Will pick a date in September for a Tree Dedication Ceremony.

6. Audience of Citizens

First Selectwoman Gister noted until there is a State Budget, Chester is one of the 85 towns that the Governor has zeroed out State Revenue. This is a temporary measure until the Legislature passes a Budget. The BOF is hoping to have a Budget by the 28th so they can have a discussion on this matter. This represents 8% of the Town's Budget.

Karin Badger asked if Region 4 is discussing regionalization. First Selectwoman Gister noted it has been talked about but nothing has been done about it. She also noted the State has been talking about mandatory regionalization for Health Districts by County. There will be a lot more conversation about this in the coming few years.

Chairman Schreiber noted several people have said Chester can use the Deep River Library. Selectwoman Linn has also noted Chester can use Deep River's Dump. First Selectwoman Gister noted there has not been adequate control to be sure what was Chester and what was Deep River. Gister noted Chester pays \$70,000 a year to use the Land Fill and also pays tipping fees, etc.

First Selectwoman Gister noted Deep River would like Chester to merge with their Library and help them expand and finish their attic. One thing discussed was whether the libraries should work together, have expanded hours and let one be open when the other one isn't, particularly on weekends.

7. Other – none.

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8. Librarian's Report

Director Stephanie Romano reported on the following:

- Summer Reading Program has wrapped up, 67 children signed up for summer reading, the incentives for signing up were great.
- Ice Cream Social had a few children, not a lot.
- Wildlife Program was great, had 30 people.
- Had a lot of craft programs with children.
- Next program is Gargoyles of Yale New Haven, end of September.
- List of Upcoming Programs and Cost as well as Potential Programs and Cost was distributed.
- Had discussion with The Friends about a stationery computer at Town Hall and another one at the Library. It was suggested the laptop be at the Library and a stationery computer at Town Hall. The cost of the desktop at Town Hall, including labor, would be \$1449.

9. The Friends Report

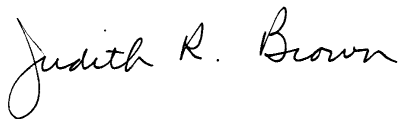
Cary Hull was not present, no report.

Chairman Schreiber noted they are accepting donations for the Chester Fair.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Senior-Dauer, second by Carter-Ward, to adjourn at 8:10 PM.
Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary