

Chester Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting, March 20, 2017
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017, at the Chester Public Library, 21 W. Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Terry Schreiber, Deedee Prisloe, Peggy Carter-Ward, Denny Tovey, Karin Badger. Library Director Stephanie Romano and The Friends President Cary Hull were also present. Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Tovey, to approve February 13, 2017

Minutes amended as follows -

- **Under 4., 2nd paragraph, 2nd and 3rd sentences should read, “There was discussion as to whether the \$1,000,000 Grant that was awarded will still be there at the State level if there is continued delay in the new library approval. The Town will have to apply for a one year extension before November 27th as long as it can show progress is being made.”**
- **Under 4., 3rd paragraph, add to end of 2nd sentence, “...\$1.5 million for the property purchase cost.”**
- **Under 9., 4th bullet should read, “March 27th will be The Graduate movie discussion at Town Hall at 6 PM. April 24th will be movie night to talk about “Some Like It Hot” with Marsha Bansavage at Town Hall at 6 PM. May 12th will be an author talk by Marty Podskoch about “Connecticut Civilian Conservation Camps: History, Memory and Legacy” at Town Hall at 6:30 PM.”**

Unanimously Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe distributed the Monthly Treasurer's Report and reviewed expenses and interest for the month. The Library rejoined the CT Library Assn. Membership and the Assn. Of CT Library Boards Membership. **Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Tovey, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Unanimously Approved.**

4. Building Committee Update

Denny Tovey noted since the last meeting, Cary Hull, Stephanie Romano and he walked through the C&G Building. It was then discussed a little at the next LBC meeting, but there was some very vocal members who did not want to pursue that

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building. There were a lot of concerns with the C&G Building (convoluted floor plan, different levels and there would be no Community Center). The Committee is not considering that building or any other site. The First Selectwoman's Office has not said anything further. The Committee is going along with the North Quarter Park site.

Karin Badger noted the Building Committee's task was North Quarter Park so that is where it should focus. She also noted this is a new alternative and there will be people who will be receptive to that.

Chairman Schreiber noted the purchase price was \$1.5 million. Two architects on the LBC said it would take another \$2 million to bring the building up to code.

There was discussion regarding comparison of construction costs between the old library building and NQP.

Denny Tovey noted the LBC has had 2 meetings since the last Trustee meeting. There was discussion of holding some type of public information meeting this spring. First Selectwoman Gister noted this should not be done until the budget is past, probably late May or later. That did not go over very well with Committee members as it was just another delay. Currently a decision has not been made as to when a public meeting will be held. Bob Gorman and Denny Tovey are starting to prepare for such a meeting whenever it is held. Some dates were suggested but for various reasons turned down. The LBC would like to push this along and move forward.

Peggy Carter-Ward asked if there was discussion as to how this fits in with the Town Vision. Tovey noted the Committee does not talk about that. Steven Tiezzi talked about the Plan of Conservation & Development and how the new library and the redevelopment of the Park is consistent with the POCD. People should be told this is not just a library project, but involves the whole Park as well.

5. Poetry Evening

It was noted Sandy Senior-Dauer has been working with Pam on the Poetry Evening which will be held May 1st. The Friends will help with the food.

6. Budget

It was noted Director Romano went to the Board of Finance Budget meeting. They

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brought up the Gwen Orton-Jones Trust. First Selectwoman Gister noted that was not part of the budget discussion. Romano noted the only additional request was for the internet. She noted it was better to stay with CEN (CT Educational Network) than to go on Comcast. No additional staffing was requested.

7. Prospects for Opening on Board Next Year

Chairman Schreiber noted Deedee Prisløe will be going off the Board. Peggy Carter-Ward will be running again. There was a brief discussion regarding possible new prospects for the Board.

8. Audience of Citizens – none.

9. Other

Chairman Schreiber noted Karin Badger was concerned about the Trust. The Town has met with Anna Sweeney. They will be setting something up within the next couple of weeks. Monies for 2016 will be distributed in June. Guidelines will be completed within the next 10 days. Anna Sweeney and Peter Evankow are working on this.

The funeral for Robert Klomp will be Saturday at 11:00 AM.

10. Librarian's Report

Director Romano reported on the following -

- Monday (March 27th) is The Graduate talk at Town Hall at 6 PM.
- There was discussion regarding Trivia Night and how much it would cost (Trivia Academy). Chairman Schreiber noted this would be an idea for the fall.

11. The Friends Report

Cary Hull reported on the following -

- There will be a June Book Sale on June 9th.
- There was talk about holding a plant sale again, but they decided to skip it this year.
- The children's computer is here and being used. A report will be prepared on how many people are using it.

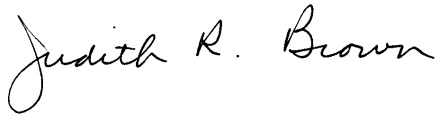
12. Adjournment

Motion by Prisløe, second by Carter-Ward, to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

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Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary