

**BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
May 11, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees was held on May 11, 2017 in the Richmond Room. In attendance were Ed Moran (Chair), Tony Frederick (Treasurer), Walter Gallo (Trustee), Mary Ann Senatro (Library Director), and Miriam Johnson (Assistant Director). The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Greg Rehm, Liberty Hill Construction, and Jessica Gilcreast, Bedford High School Librarian, joined the meeting until 9:50 a.m. Walter Gallo left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the April 6, 2017 meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted. The following gifts were accepted by the Trustees: Bedford Garden Club Memorial Book - \$25, Blue Seas Investment Club - \$100.

Director's Report – See attached.

Old Business:

Plumbing issues – We have had more plumbing issues. Yesterday the public bathrooms required 45 minutes of plunging for the clog to be cleared. Several weeks ago the sink trap in the women's room was replaced. Different solutions have been discussed, there has not been a project design. Ed requested a meeting with Peter to figure out a long term solution.

Raised beds – Peter built two raised beds for the library to replace those that were removed for the geothermal project. We would like to replant, and are requesting \$150 to purchase plants and mulch.

Motion: Tony moved that the Trustees approve \$150 for the garden. Ed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Facilities Master Plan – The Town chose Harriman to conduct a comprehensive study of all town facilities with a 10-20 year outlook. Mary Ann is on the committee which will be meeting twice per month through September. The report is due by October so that items can be addressed in the next budget cycle. Mary Ann and Miriam met with the project leader and library specialist. They will supply us with a report.

NHLTA Conference – All are registered for the conference on Tuesday, May 23 at the Grappone Center in Concord.

New Business:

Bulldogs of Bedford Project – The project is a community awareness campaign to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the high school. Liberty Hill Construction is one of 7 businesses buying a bulldog. There will be a plaque identifying the business and artist. There is a geocaching component, too, to encourage families to find all the dogs in town and a map to assist. The School has a list of artists who are willing to donate their skills; several artists expressed interest in the library dog. Discussion ensued around ideas for the art on the dog: incorporating NH themes, education/library, Bedford history and community, literature, and architecture. Jessie will contact the artists about these ideas and ask that they submit sketches which she will share with Mary Ann and Greg via email. Once the artist and design are chosen, the artist will have 6-8 weeks to paint. The dog will then be clear-coated and ready for installation. Greg will plan and manage the installation. The overall time frame is about 2 weeks. There will be a press release once the dog is in place. The project has 3 year approval from the town. After the three years, Greg would be happy to keep it here, and the School prefers to have them stay in place. The plan is to revisit it in two years at a board meeting to see how everything is working and decide then.

Motion: Walter moved that the Trustees approve hosting the bulldog. Tony seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Cinco de Mayo 5k Race – Walter wanted to recognize the three staff members who ran the 5k last Sunday: Carla Ferreira, Miriam Johnson, and Diane Marshall.

Geothermal Celebration – The tentative date is June 6 at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Richmond Room. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Senatro
Library Director

Miriam Johnson
Assistant Director