

Taft Public Library Trustee Meeting Notes
7/11/12

Attendees: Carrie Grimshaw, Bill McHenry, Kathy Carlson, Carolyn Peterson, Susan Darnell, Leigh Martin (School Committee), Kathy Schofield (7:15), Nick Schofield (7:20)

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Kathy Carlson, 2nd by Bill McHenry.

Carolyn Peterson moved to accept the minutes of the meetings dated 4/18/12, 5/2/12, and 6/6/12. Bill McHenry 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion of longevity bonus. Susan summarized the situation whereas Claudia Cataldo advised Carrie that PT staff is not eligible for longevity bonus. Susan consulted with Selectmen who could not answer the question and would refer to town council. Currently we are waiting for town council to respond.

Discussion of Special Town Meeting of 6/26/12.

- Pleased with number in attendance
- Concerned with lack of young parents – suggested offering babysitting service for next STM

Carrie reviewed the Director's Report.

- Regarding the Cardboard Boat Race, a judge & boat race inspector are needed. Boat race scheduled for July 19 at 5:30. Nick Schofield volunteered to be the boat inspector. A judge is still needed. Nick will try to find a judge.
- Milford & Mendon boy scouts are planned to organize the books in storage at the Fire Station.
- 250 children have signed up for summer reading
- Many opportunities of positive PR in the last week in the Town Crier & Milford Daily News
- Carrie attended the ALA conference in California regarding libraries. Most interesting was the Rural & Tribal library committee.
- At the next meeting, to discuss the morale & number of hours employees are working

Discussion of St. Mike's voting information

- Last night's selectman's meeting, STM is scheduled for September 25th, and a ballot vote is scheduled November 6th
- The selectmen need to vote on the ballot questions next Monday to meet the state's deadline of August 8th. The specific dollar amount is not needed for the state ballot (deadline of 8/1) but it does need to be on the STM warrant.
- Carolyn Peterson moved to place an article on the ballot of 11/6/12 for the purchase of St. Michael's church for a sum of money, Bill McHenry 2nd, all in favor.
- Carolyn Peterson moved to place an article on the ballot of 11/6/12 for the renovation of St. Michael's church for a sum of money, Kathy Carlson 2nd, all in favor.
- Carolyn Peterson moved to place an article on the warrant for the special town meeting of 9/25/12 for the purchase of St. Michael's church for a sum of money, Bill McHenry 2nd, all in favor.
- Carolyn Peterson moved to place an article on the warrant for the special town meeting of 9/25/12 for the renovation of St. Michael's church for a sum of money, Kathy Carlson 2nd, all in favor.
- Susan will bring the previous motions to the selectmen to include on the ballot at special town meeting.

Discussion of St. Mike's Project information

- Summary of status of possibly turning rectory into affordable housing opportunity.
- Involving Blackstone Valley Tech students to help save on costs; win/win situation, but there are parts of the project that they cannot do. The architect would then need to portion the project creating more work (i.e. \$) for a construction manager, increased timeframe.
- Discussion held regarding forming a panel for the library – people who are for and most importantly, people against. Bill to contact Jay Byer to include w/ his outgoing email & respond to trustees email.

Discussion of the website

- Currently, there is a website for the TPL; the issue is to connect the information about St. Mike's with the TPL website
- Discussion of hiring a professional webmaster to create a website for TPL
- Another option is hiring LibraryWebsite.com who created the Holliston Library website. Startup fee \$1250, annual fee \$600
- Kathy Schofield to speak with a contact to see if he can create a website dedicated to the St. Mike's project
- Susan to speak w/ a retired teacher to see if she can create a website dedicated to the St. Mike's project
- Carolyn made a motion to use the TPL Friends offer to funding a website for the St. Mike's project with supplementary fees to be funded by State Aid with a cap of \$500 from State Aid. Kathy Carlson 2nd, all in favor.
- Carolyn made a motion to allow Susan Darnell to select a web designer for the funds previously voted on. Bill McHenry 2nd, all in favor.

Summary –

- Susan & Bill will continue to connect w/ BVT
- The affordable housing opportunity
- Keeping contact w/ town council regarding P&S
- Public Relations - Website for St. Mike's up & running; panel of supporters & non-supporters to enable us to obtain a lot of information, both + & -
- Possible getting Ken Best to attend an open informational meeting 9/12/12.

Our next meeting Wednesday, 8/1/12 at 7:00 at Taft Public Library.

Susan Darnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30. Bill McHenry 2nd, all in favor.