

Seymour Public Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 15, 2012 -
Regular Meeting

In attendance: Joyce Koslowski, Steve Kulas, Dianna Koskelowski, Pauline Lounsbury, Loreen Coe, Diane Sosnovich, Susan Strumello, Carol Ralston, Library Director. Paul Thompson and Nancy Cretella arrived just after approval of February meeting minutes.

Chair, Joyce Koslowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Susan Strumello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of the Minutes from the February 16 Regular Meeting:

Motion to accept with no additions or corrections: Steve Kulas; Second: Diane Sosnovich.
Approved 6-0-1. Abstained: Susan Strumello.

Treasurer's Report for February:

Motion to accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Loreen Coe. Approved 9-0-0.

Librarian's Report:

Building maintenance: Carol reported that the building repairs/painting project will need to be submitted as a Capital Budget Expenditure Request, as the cost will be over \$10,000. Estimates for the painting portion alone are \$15,000. Obtaining estimates for the repair portion have not yet been authorized. Pictures of the damaged areas were presented and show the extent of the damage. Writing a letter requesting that the Library Board be scheduled to present the Expenditure Request to the Board of Selectman was brought up.

Budget workshops: Joyce and Paul attended, in addition to Carol, who presented the requested budget. She stated questions were asked and she was able to answer them and felt it went well. Paul praised Carol for an excellent proposal.

Motion to accept Librarian's Report: Steve Kulas; Second: Nancy Cretella. Approved 9-0-0.

Unfinished Business:

Report from Policy Selection Committee: Paul stated that the committee has made good progress and he will submit recommendations to Carol.

There was discussion of sending a letter to First Selectman requesting the Library Board be scheduled to present the Capital Budget Expenditure Request to the Board of Selectmen. A motion to send such letter was made by Steve Kulas; motion seconded by Diane Sosnovich. Approved 9-0-0. Loreen Coe, Board Secretary will send.

New Business:

Discussion of formation of Building Maintenance subcommittee to meet with Board of Selectman: The board will postpone a decision on formation of a subcommittee pending a response from the First Selectman to the letter being sent.

Review of the proposed expenditures for March:

Motion to accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Loreen Coe. Approved 9-0-0.

Motion to add to the agenda discussion of purchasing 3 thermostats: Motion by Steve Kulas; Second: Pauline Lounsbury. Approved 9-0-0. There was discussion of purchasing them with remaining funds in the oil /gas budget line after any gas expenses are paid. Motion to approve the purchase of 3 thermostats was made by Pauline Lounsbury and was seconded by Loreen Coe. Approved 9-0-0.

Joyce asked about the progress of the shelving that the Friends of the Library were constructing. Carol reported that the shelving has been built and is being painted.

Motion to adjourn: Steve Kulas; Second: Susan Strumello. Approved 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the board will be April 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorie Poeta, Recording Secretary
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