

Library Board of Trustees
Somers Public Library
March 18, 2025

Members present: Catherine Embriano, John Kelleher, Jack Kertenis, Ann Levesque, Marybeth Marquardt, Andy Phillips, Bob Socha
Members absent: Lisa Gladysz and Mike Gruber
Also present: Joanne Nichting, Library Director

Chairperson Andy Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

First Audience to Citizens: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 28, 2025 meeting were presented and reviewed. Mrs. Levesque moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Embriano. Abstentions: Ms. Marquardt. Minutes approved.

Correspondence: The library received a thank you card from The Somers Wrestling Association thanking the library and staff for the use of library space for an event. The quarterly newsletter from the ACLB was also received.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was distributed and discussed. The report will be filed for audit.

Financial Business:

The FY25 year-to-date financial report was presented by Ms. Nichting. There was nothing notable to report. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee: Amended Borrowing Policy was reviewed. Mrs. Nichting explained the addition of lines 6.c and 6.d. Any blocking of patrons' cards is done automatically. Mr. Socha moved to accept the amended policy. Seconded by Mrs. Embriano. The vote passed.

Friends of the Library: Mr. Kertenis noted that Mrs. Nichting's "wish list" was approved by the Friends. The April book sale will be April 11-13th and the friends are looking for volunteers to help with checkout. Their next meeting will be the second Monday in May at an area restaurant. Mrs. Embriano suggested that the Board of Trustees foot the bill for this meeting as a thank you gesture for all the Friends do for the library. We will revisit this at the April Meeting.

Old Business:

Pavilion – At 6:45 p.m., Mr. Socha moved that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding costs that could impede potential bidding contracts. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kertenis, and unanimously passed. At 6:55 p.m., Mr. Socha moved to leave executive session. Ms. Marquardt seconded, and the motion unanimously passed. Pavilion discussions are ongoing.

Tween/Teen Agreement: Mrs. Nichting noted that the policy has been in effect for about a week and notices have been going home. So far about 1/5 of forms have been returned.

New Business:

Library open April 13th for book sale: Mrs. Levesque moved to open the library from 10-2 on the 13th. Seconded by Ms. Marquardt. Motion approved.

Library Discards to the Friends: Mr. Kertenis moved to offer library discards to the FOL to sell at their book sales. Mr. Kelleher seconded. Mrs. Nichting will amend the Collection Development Policy to reflect the change if needed. Motion approved.

Furniture/Chair Replacement: Mrs. Nichting mentioned that some of our furniture is in rough condition after 16 years. Some chairs and other furniture (especially outside of the teen room) will need to be replaced. Mrs. Nichting will make a list of priorities and potential stages for replacement.

Carpet cleaning: Carpeting in the board room was soaked by a boiler room leak. The glycol in the lines has stained the carpeting. Mrs. Nichting will have New England Steam Clean come in to assess the situation in that room and in other areas. Mr. Socha moved we allocate up to \$750 to clean areas in need. Ms. Marquardt seconded. Motion approved.

Director's Report:

Ms. Nichting presented her Director's Report to the Board, which included general library information, program attendance, circulation, meeting space usage, and other updates on library happenings.

Second Audience to Citizens: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM. The next meeting will be April 16, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Phillips

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