

Maynard Public Library
Trustees' Meeting
January 24, 2023

Attendance: Jean Maguire, Jan Rosenberg, Peter Reed, Sally Bubier

Minutes: December minutes were approved.

Warrants signed.

Correspondence: no official correspondence

Report from Library Director

FY24 budget update - Trustees discussed TA's Recommended Budget. Library got increase in Roosevelt Fund; no staff increases other than Jean's (per her negotiated contract). Other library staff will be renegotiating their contracts sometime this year; potential increases to be covered by Free Cash. Trustees will reach out to Select Board with their concerns as the Library is trying to execute some of its long term goals.

First State Aid award for FY23 - first received in December (\$12,507); second award expected in April.

Hiring of Circulation Assistant - Abby Casabona hired for Tuesday afternoons (Semra can no longer work at that time) and Saturday rotation.

Replacement of Plymouth Rocket with Assabet Interactive - transition went smoothly; this system is easier to use.

Replacement of Encore with Aspen Discovery for public library catalog - membership at Minuteman Network meeting voted to go ahead with this change. Will take place later in the year.

New town website - not yet launched; to be maintained and edited by employees of the town.

Roosevelt Room TV update - arrived January 3, working well.

Curfew bell update - it has been moved out of Jeremy's office. Plexiglas case is being made. Historical Commission has received another grant for any needed adjustments. A ceremony is expected, probably after the case has been installed. Ellen Duggan is working on a summary document.

Attendance at Engaging Veteran and Military-Affiliated Patrons webinar - Jean attended webinar.

Cultural District update - Application for renewal has been accepted. Next step is to recruit more partners.

Annual Town report - due in February

Building and Grounds

Light pole in parking lot- had been struck by a vehicle at some point. Was repaired January 10.

Trash and recycling enclosure - will be padlocked to prevent illegal dumping. Keys to be shared by Library and Harvey.

Other new B&G business or updates - Jan asked about cleaning the sidewalk that accesses Storywalk. Peter has spoken to a landscape architect re possible revision of front of Library.

Strategic Planning update - Trustees reviewed and suggested revisions to draft mission statement.

Other new business - Peter asked about pastor's response to drag queen story time @ Chelmsford Public Library. Jean and Jan will attend MBLC seminars which address meeting room uses/policy and also collection policy.

Next Meeting -Tuesday, February 21 @5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Rosenberg, Trustee