

Minutes
Moretown Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Thursday November 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
In the Library's Town Hall Location

Not Approved

Public: Cory Stephenson

Trustees: Elisabeth Mazzilli, Anne Cassels, Jennifer Hill, Deborah Feldman

6:36 Call to Order

6:37 Public Comment

6:40 Reading by Jennifer Hill

6:43 Secretary's Report

- Thursday, [September 8, 2022](#) highlights
 - Started budget 2023 process
 - Library Director review and goals shared
 - Formed sub committee for Strategic Planning
 - Town Hall Committee update including March 2023 vote
 - Friends update including installation of the Story Walk!
- Friday, [October 14, 2022](#) highlights
 - Reviewed the budget proposal and narrative

Deborah Feldman moved to accept both minutes and Elisabeth Mazzilli seconded and all approved.

6:48 Treasurer's Report including 2023 Budget Update

The update from the treasurer is that our budget has been submitted to Sasha, and Allison is waiting to hear back about meeting with her.

November 7th the Select Board minutes say "Tom would like the next meeting to be on the budget." This will be November 21st.

6:50 Librarian's Report

Highlights from [this report](#)

- The Library is busier all the time with patrons and circulation
- Programs are going with Read&Play and Baby Music with about 70 children and adults over the last month
- Halloween activities were the epitome of what community connections can be. 125 kids and 85 adults came for Trick&Treating.
- Upcoming programs will include wreath making and then start up hand craft and chat and forest bathing
- Cory went to the NELA conference with other librarians and got some great ideas
- Will be shifting book purchasing from Brodart to Baker&Taylor. This will include a sustainable shelves program for recycling books.

7:01 Strategic Planning

VT Dept of Library course ABCD recording will be posted and Elisabeth will be accessing

VT Dept of Library Strategic Planning Training

- Community focused with opportunities with aspirations
 - Tap into curiosity of the community
 - Meet needs of the community across the life span
- [Project Timeline](#)
- Share from office hours: bridge vs full and right time?
 - Bridge plan would be for no more than two years
 - 2010 last time and something needs to be in place
 - Internal focus makes sense right now
- Stakeholders
 - Cory, Jen and Elisabeth for library director and trustees
 - Nancy Willard from the school
 - Someone from the Friends
 - Patron or two
- Subcommittee next meeting is Thursday Dec 1, 2022 6 pm

7:26 Town Hall Committee Update

- Closer to finalizing a design to present to the Select Board to be costed out in time for the Town Meeting 2023
- A discussion point is the linear feet of shelving and is an operational question for this to be flexible space then more resources need to be available to make this happen. Different shelving options were discussed.
- Focus on accessibility and meeting code

- Ballot initiative could be one article library and cost or two separate articles to be discussed and decided
- Next meeting is Thursday November 17th at 5:30 including a communication plan and the articles for the ballot

7:40 Friends Update

- Planning Chili Cook Off in February as a fundraiser
- StoryWalk is in great shape
- Cookie fundraiser maybe soon

7:42 Matters Arising

Deborah Feldman is not running again in March as a board trustee. We could still have the July retreat at Deb's home.

7:46 Set next meeting date

- **January 12, 2023** (Regular) Strategic Plan share out

7:50

Elisabeth moved for Meeting Adjourned and Anne Cassels seconded. All approve.