

Thomas Memorial Library Committee

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

RuthAnne Haley, Martha Palmer, Gil Brennan, Debbie Peck, Becky Fernald
Patricia Grennon

Absent:

Julia Bassett Schwerin

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 6:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes
Debbie Peck motion / Gil Brennan second
Discussion: Debbie Peck asked about FOYA as referred to in the minutes. Patricia Grennon provided additional information from the Town side. RuthAnne Haley offered her perspective.
Approved
3. Citizen's Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda
None
4. Reports
 - a. Library Director's Report
Updates provided on outstanding building project items; progress report from the Summer Reading Program; update on the hiring process for the new programming position and on the changes in the technical services department
 - b. Committee Member Updates & Correspondence
None
5. Update on Changes from Ordinance Committee
RuthAnne Haley summarized the previous Town Council meeting where the Council voted to approve the changes as recommended by the Ordinance Committee. RuthAnne stated this body's opposition to the changes. Patricia Grennon explained the reasoning for the changes and the Council's actions. A discussion / Q & A followed. At the conclusion, it was reiterated that the TML Committee was opposed to the changes and would further discuss the matter at the September meeting with the Town Manager.
6. Update on Vacant TML Committee Position
Discussion on process to fill the vacant position left with Ken Piper's resignation. Patricia Grennon gave an overview of the appointments process and presented two options: 1 - replace in normal appointment cycle with a January 2017 start date or 2 - replace through special appointment with a November 2016 start date. Discussion of the options followed. Debbie Peck moved to wait for the normal appointment cycle; Gil Brennan second. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Sub-Committee Discussion

RuthAnne Haley announced that as Chair she was dissolving all sub-committees due to the change in public meeting requirements from the Town. All sub-committee business and discussions will be conducted by the full TML Committee.

Discussion on the role of the Gallery Manager and TML Committee involvement in that role.

Discussion will be continued at the September meeting.

Discussion on FOYA and the numbers needed for sub-committees public meeting requirements.

Clarification by Patricia Grennon and RuthAnne Haley.

8. Citizen's Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda

None

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:30

10. Adjournment: 7:57 PM