

Thomas Memorial Library Committee

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

RuthAnne Haley, Martha Palmer, Gil Brennan, Becky Fernald
Michael McGovern, Kyle Neugebauer

Absent:

Julia Bassett Schwerin, Debbie Peck

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 6:35 PM
2. Approval of Minutes
Martha Palmer motion / Gil Brennan second
Approved
3. Citizen's Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda
None
4. Reports
 - a. Library Director's Report
Updates provided on program on building project items; summer reading program recap; changes to the online resource offerings; staffing updates and changes; longer range planning, along with programmatic ideas and other needs.
 - b. Committee Member Updates & Correspondence
Martha Palmer brought up landscaping concerns and steps that will be taken in the future to improve this
5. Mike McGovern, Town Manager
Mike McGovern provided an update on the process to decide a use for the Spurwink School - the School Dept and Historical Society have both submitted proposals. Currently the committee is split and have concerns over long term costs.
Mike provided information on the changes to the Boards and Committees Ordinance, including background on the change, and explanation and reasoning factoring into the Council decision. A discussion ensued with Ruthanne Haley and other members raising their questions and concerns over the changes.
A discussion on the TML Foundation followed. There are concerns with all foundations supporting town departments and facilities, ie Fort Williams and others. There have been issues in the past, but recent issues between CEEF and the School Board have renewed these concerns. The impact of the TML Foundation and how the TML Committee should view the group was discussed.
RuthAnne Haley asked for clarification on the Library Director's idea to create a handbook for the TML Committee and the role of the Committee. It was explained that the handbook

would be a document to clarify the practices, duties, and role of the Committee, and would not be a binding document rather a guiding one.

6. Art Gallery Management

Martha Palmer brought up her thoughts on the art gallery management remaining with a member of the Committee and the possibility of this transitioning to the Library Staff.

7. TMLF Grant Committee Update

Provided by Gil Brennan. The Committee met and reviewed the Library Director's proposal. They suggested some minor revisions and would be discussing the proposal at the full TMLF meeting later in September.

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

None

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:30

10. Adjournment: 8:04 PM