

Thomas Memorial Library Committee

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

Jason O'Brien, Gwyneth Maguire, Becky Fernald, Kathleen Kent, Sigrid Olson, Megan Cotter
Kyle Neugebauer

Absent: Sara Hirshon

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 6:36 PM
2. Approval of Minutes
Megan Cotter motion / Kathleen Kent second
Approved
3. Citizen's Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda
None
4. Reports
 - a. Library Director's Report
Reported as submitted. Gave update on status of Generator proposal with TMLF after meeting with George Morse yesterday -- TMLF Executive Board is suggesting to put proposal on hold to explore the solar option further and revisit with Town Council their plans for a town wide system.
 - b. Committee Member Updates & Correspondence
Jason O'Brien and Gwyneth Maguire gave update on discusses from the TMLF Outreach Committee meeting.
5. Policy Review
 - a. Collection Development
 - i. Reviewed edits sent by Sara Hirshon. Add more steps to 2nd bullet point; multiple searches for those missing titles. There were concerns from Sigrid Olson and Kathleen Kent that the Freedom to Read statement is too long, political and negative. Gwyneth Maguire explained that it is from the American Library Association, the historical perspective of it, and how it fits on the principles of the library profession.
 - ii. Motion by Jason O'Brien / seconded by Gwyneth Maguire to approve policy with suggested revisions. Approved.
 - b. Petition
 - i. Kyle Neugebauer reported that the library has been approached twice about having signatures gathered on library grounds, outside of the library entrance. He spoke with both the Town Clerk and Town Manager about it and was told it was not allowed and to draft a policy stating such. His research on the matter indicates that it is likely not Constitutional to ban signature gathering on public property (items part of meeting packet).
 - ii. Reviewed note from Sara Hirshon agreeing that the Library cannot ban such action on public property. Kathleen Kent stated that the State of Maine website suggests

using libraries as a place to gather signatures. All committee members present agree signature gathering should be allowed. Kyle will followup with Matt.

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

None

7. Confirmation of Next Meeting: June 21, at 6:30

8. Adjournment: 7:45 PM