

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Public Library

Board of Library Trustees Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Public Meeting July 23, 2012

Meeting was held at the Provincetown Public Library, 356 Commercial St.

Members Present: Patsy Greene, EveLyn Kratz, Donna Vaillancourt, Louise Venden

Members Absent: Mick Rudd (excused)

Others Present: Cheryl Napsha, Library Director;

Call to Order: Chairman Kratz called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Ms. Kratz updated the Board of Selectmen on the library. The renovation project is complete. Thanks to the BoLT's success in acquiring grant funds totaling \$410,000, the project cost the town \$1.69 million rather than the \$2.1 million approved at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. In addition, more than 1,600 individuals contributed an additional \$1.8 million.

The renovation project received a 2012 Mass Historic Preservation Award.

Ms. Greene noted that the BoLT was required to raise \$60,000 annually to pay for the debt service.

The library is working on developing cooperative programs with other entities including the school, Rec Dept, and more.

The library plans to focus on the underserved population of young adults in their 20's to 40's.

Ms. Vaillancourt stated that the library is developing a marketing plan as a fundraising strategy. The library is testing the waters through cooperative programs with the Provincetown Film Festival, the Schooner Regatta, and the recent fashion show at the library.

Ms. Venden reported that the BoLT will begin to review and update its policies. They will make the library's special event policy more consistent with the town's. The Board will also need to update its strategic plan.

Mr. Knight thanked the BoLT for their work, and noted that the Heritage Day Grand Opening event was a great day.

He asked Ms. Lynn if, when the town took on the library, they created a maintenance plan for the facility. Ms. Lynn replied that the firm of McGinley Kalsow is in the process of creating such a plan. Mr. Knight stated that the town must maintain that plan.

Ms. Anderson stated that with the renovation complete, the library can focus on programming, and that people will be happy to visit the building. She advised the BoLT to “toot your own horn” and make the public aware of the library’s success. She also offered congratulations and wished the BoLT good luck for future success.

Mr. Santos, Mr. McChesney and Mr. Yingling thanked the BoLT for their work.

9. Adjournment:

Ms. Vaillancourt moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm. The motion was approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Napsha