

## **Peterborough Town Library Board of Trustees**

### **Draft Minutes**

**June 17, 2021**

**Meeting called to order:** 5:30 pm (in person meeting at temporary library)

**Trustees Present:** Marcia Patten (Chair), Laura Hanson (Secretary), Karen Struthers (Treasurer), Ron Bowman, Greg Kriebel (alternate)

**Others Present:** Corinne Chronopoulos (Library Director), Tina Kriebel (1833 Society), Master Plan Committee members: James Kelly, Danica Melone, Sarah Steinberg-Heller, Emily Mann, Ivy Van

**Minutes from May 20, 2021 meeting accepted. RB, KS**

**May Treasurer's Report approved. RB, LH**

Danica Melone, Peterborough's Town Planner, spoke on behalf of the Master Plan Committee. The committee is updating their vision and land use statements and is seeking input from various town groups. In addition to the current vision, they are adding an energy and climate chapter. There were discussions about the new library's use of alternative energy technologies and the issue of affordable housing in Peterborough.

#### **Director's Report Highlights**

- The state library has received money from the federal government which they are distributing to the state's public libraries. The Peterborough Town Library has received \$1,700.
- The library has received only one proposal for cleaning the new library and it was over budget. Corinne will speak with the company about a compromise and staying within the \$30,000 annual budget.
- Corinne outlined the rough timeline for closing the temporary library and opening the new library and the communications plan.
- Have documented all IT items in the library and anticipated dates for replacement. Corinne has purchased six new computers and two printers for the new library.
- Corinne continues to work on the historic exhibit and assisting Tina Kriebel with the creation of the celebration book. Jill Shaffer-Hammond is designing both.
- Corinne has received many good applications for the library assistant positions. On July 8<sup>th</sup> she plans to interview 6 to 8 applicants.
- The PUC has been contacted to make sure they have all the information for the \$300k grant and the process to submit. Corinne is working with Harvey to submit for 90% of the grant and hopes to have that asap.
- Summer reading has started and outside storytime is going very well. There are over 45 people registered for summer reading and the library has given out over 30 books to families.
- The podcast has been very well received thanks to the Youth librarians who came up with the idea and the local partner who is making it happen.

- Mary and Tim are wrapping-up their tech classes. They have done an amazing variety of tech classes over the last year and have begun planning for the new library.
- A new language recourse, MANGO, will be launched on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Motion to accept the Director's Report RB, LH Motion Passed**

#### **1833 Society Report**

Tina Kriebel reported for the 1833 Society. The project continues to be on time and on budget. The keys should be turned over to Corinne in mid- to late August and the grand opening is being planned for September 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion about the bridge project interfering with the grand opening, but Corinne didn't think it would be a problem as the bridge construction crew doesn't work on Sunday.

#### **Old Business**

There was a discussion about raising the non-resident fee when the new library opens.

#### **Motion to raise the non-resident fee from \$68 to \$82. RB, KS Motion passed.**

Corinne reviewed the timeline for the grand opening. There will be speeches by stakeholders and a ribbon cutting ceremony starting at 1 pm, followed by self-guided tours from 2 to 4 pm. Monadnock Music will perform throughout the afternoon and there will be a 3 pm performance of a local children's choir. The library will officially open on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and there will be tours throughout the opening week.

#### **New Business**

Corinne told the Trustees that an anonymous donor has given the library trustees \$10,000 and plans to give the same amount on an annual basis. This donation will mark the creation of the library's annual giving campaign. Before the library can accept the donation, a legal posting has to appear in the Ledger Transcript.

Corinne reviewed the current mask wearing resolution passed at the May Board meeting. A discussion followed that resulted in the following Motion:

**Motion to lift May's mask resolution for public mask requirements. The Board gives the staff permission to put up signs encouraging mask wearing. KS, LH Motion passed.**

**Motion to adjourn made at 6:50 pm LH, RB**

**Next meeting: Thursday, July 15 at 5:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hanson