

COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES FOR February 4, 2019 – 5:30 PM @ LIBRARY

This special meeting was posted at the library and on the library's website on February 2, 2019.

Attendance: Library Trustees Anne Chant, Robin Gordon, Evan Henderson, Allie Kaplan-Thompson, Skip Nason, Sheryl Power, Library Director Mary Cronin

Absent: Nathaniel Winship

- A. Anne Chant called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- B. Review 2019 Library Operating Budget: Anne Chant and Skip Nason explained that a new lower estimate for painting of the older section of the exterior was received on Jan. 29, 2019. JLT Painting of Alexandria, NH quoted a cost of \$7,600.00 with prices valid for one year. JLT Painting is certified as lead-safe entity per EPA rules, and was referred to us by Amy Dixon of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources.

A discussion of whether to reduce proposed 2019 operating budget's Bldg. Preservation line from \$21,500 to \$8,000 followed. Skip Nason MOVED to reduce the 2019 library operating budget by \$13,500 to a new total of \$195,744; motion was seconded by Allie Kaplan-Thompson. MOTION passed. The Town Appropriation request in this revised proposed budget will be \$172,039.

Skip Nason noted that the exterior painting of the library may be eligible for Moose Plate grant funding since the library is listed on national and state Historical Resources registries. Mary Cronin will make sure to find out and inform Trustees when 2019 Moose Plate grant round is announced in March.

- C. Other Business: There was a brief discussion of whether to adjust Salaries line item in proposed budget from 3% cost-of-living increase to 2%, which would reduce 2019 library operating budget by \$821. No action was taken.
- D. Robin Gordon MOVED to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Skip Nason. MOTION passed. Anne Chant adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cronin