

COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes for June 17, 2020 – 5:30 PM electronically via Zoom

Meeting notice was posted online on the library and the town website, on the Tamworth Exchange Google Group, and a printed notice was posted at Tamworth Post Office on June 1, 2020. A Public Notice announcing the meeting was published in the June 10, 2020 edition of the Conway Daily Sun.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Cook Memorial Library will hold a public hearing to discuss the acceptance of unanticipated funds under RSA 202-A:4-c III. (a) in the amount of \$7,500.00. The unanticipated funds were granted to the Cook Memorial Library by New Hampshire Humanities as a subaward of federal money granted to New Hampshire Humanities by the National Endowment of the Humanities as appropriated by Congress via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. In accordance with Emergency Order #12, the Cook Memorial Library Board of Trustees has scheduled a Zoom meeting in place of an in-person hearing at the library. The public may attend online or by telephone (audio only).

Join Zoom meeting online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81724813276?pwd=UHJLZmtMeFV2RVZUekQ0Sysvek9GZz09>

Join by telephone: Dial 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 817 2481 3276; Password: 846079

MINUTES

Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Allie Thompson.

B. Allie Kaplan-Thompson read the online meeting guidelines and Board Chair's statement on meeting compliance with the Right-to-Know Law during the State of Emergency. The checklist was reviewed to ensure compliance.

C. Attendance – Each of the Trustees listed below declared themselves as present and alone. Allie Kaplan-Thompson, Anne Chant, Robin Gordon, Sheryl Power, Evan Henderson. Also present – Mary Cronin – Librarian, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Loughran, member of the public.

Skip Nason and Melanie Streeter – Selectmen’s Representative are absent.

D. Discussion

Allie Kaplan-Thompson stated the reason for this public hearing is to decide whether to accept a CARES Act Grant in the amount of \$7,500 from New Hampshire Humanities in accordance with RSA 202-A:4-c. A Public Notice announcing this meeting was published in the June 10, 2020 edition of the Conway Daily Sun.

RSA 202-A:4-c Trustees' Authority to Accept and Expend Gifts. III. (a) For unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$5,000 or more, the public library trustees shall hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the relevant municipality at least 7 days before the hearing is held.

Anne Chant MOVED to accept the \$7,500.00 CARES Act grant from New Hampshire Humanities. Sheryl Power seconded the motion.

Betsy Loughran explained that since she has not yet been appointed or sworn in as Interim Trustee, she is attending this meeting as a member of the public.

Robin Gordon thanked Mary Cronin for applying for the grant.

Allie Kaplan-Thompson reviewed how the funds will be used based on the revised library budget adopted at the May 11, 2020 Trustees meeting. \$880 of the \$7,500 will be used for programs, and \$6,620 will be used for operating expenses, specifically salaries and benefits.

Roll Call Vote to accept the motion to accept these unanticipated funds:

Evan Henderson – Aye

Sheryl Power – Aye

Robin Gordon – Aye

Anne Chant – Aye

Allie Kaplan-Thompson – Aye

E. Other business

Another public hearing to accept unanticipated funds will be scheduled to take place at the beginning of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, on July 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to accept funds in the amount of \$8,108.60 from the Estate of Sharon Malenfant, former Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Gail Marrone suggested the cancelled July 4th 5K race be rescheduled as a virtual 5K to take place between July 3-5.

Sheryl Power will be the new liaison to the Friends of Cook Memorial Library. Their next meeting will be July 14. Allie Kaplan-Thompson will connect Sheryl to Jan Hamel, President of the Friends.

Evan Henderson MOVED to adjourn. Robin Gordon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote to accept the motion to adjourn:

Evan Henderson – Aye

Sheryl Power – Aye

Robin Gordon – Aye

Anne Chant – Aye

Allie Kaplan-Thompson – Aye

Allie Kaplan-Thompson adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cronin