

Holliston Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes from March 22, 2017 meeting

Present: Pat Fuller, Bob Ostrow, Jim Pond, Bill Heuer, Cathy Soucy, and Leslie McDonnell, Library Director

Minutes: Pat motioned to accept the minutes from the February 22, 2017 meeting (as amended); Bob seconded; all in favor.

Director's Report:

1. Budget '18 submitted.
2. Squirrels are coming into the library again, and efforts are being made to determine where they're coming in, perhaps through broken gutters. Leslie has requested the HWD to come trim the trees back from the library building, as that helps keep the squirrels off the roof.
3. Structural problems with the roof are extensive, and Trustees and Leslie discussed at length the impact these problems are having with staff and patrons, serious potential safety concerns, as well as the challenges of getting bidding to address the situation.
4. The library's A/C repair does not qualify for Green Community funding.
5. The radiator died in Leslie's office. This will be addressed when the A/C is fixed.
6. A discussion was held regarding the possible need for a Social Media Policy, and the possible format and wording if so. Leslie will look into how other towns' libraries have addressed this (ex. what is okay to post and what is not okay to post) and the subject will be readdressed at a future Trustees meeting.
7. HPL events will be posted on the website for the Mass. Center for the Book (massbook.org). This is a statewide calendar of author visits and book clubs.
8. A discussion was held regarding the future of the HPL, and how the library's future needs will be met. Continuing limitations of space and the complications and expense of major ongoing capital improvements to the current building were discussed at length.
9. A discussion took place regarding the current practices of keeping current the HPL's book collection and the balance between the usages of space for book collections and meeting space.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7pm

Adjournment: Jim motioned to adjourn; Pat seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Soucy