

Holliston Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of the Special Meeting
January 9, 2019

Members Present: Karla Alfred, Nancy Baron, Bob Malone, Bob Ostrow, Kara Peterson

Staff Present: Leslie McDonnell, Director

Members Absent: Jim Pond

Bob M. called the meeting to order at 9:13AM. A quorum was present.

Leslie was asked to report on the recent research of legal documents she had uncovered related to conveyance and legal rights of use surrounding the gift of land and construction of the original building. While covenants for specific use of the building are cloudy, the gift and conveyance of deed for the property (in 1903) seemed to indicate that the property could be used ~~solely~~ in perpetuity+for a library.

There is enough confusion over this issue that the Trustees voted to ask Leslie to request an opinion from Town Council, through Jeff Ritter, of rights and restrictions on use. The motion was moved by Nancy, seconded by Karla, voted unanimously.

Jeff Ritter's suggestion about waiting until Town Meeting in May to enter an article for planning funding was met with concern, as the Trustees feel some real urgency about moving ahead with such a study, regardless of options that may or may not arise from a legal examination of the documents. Accordingly, a motion was made by Nancy, seconded by Kara, and voted unanimously to again ask the BOS for a budget transfer of \$10,000 in the current budget year for such a study. Bob M. will draft a letter reiterating a request for funding through a budget transfer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30AM (motion Bob M., second Nancy, voted unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robert Malone

KRM: 01/09/2019