

**MAMAKATING LIBRARY
BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 6, 2016**

PRESENT: Trustees Barbara Semonite, Robert Andersen, Jeanne Roosa, Jay Egan, Fran Staats, Terry Stiano (via Skype), Janine Mignemi, Director Peggy Johansen

ABSENT: Trustee Mildred Melchionne

Public: Patti Andersen, President, Friends of the Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda was amended to include a resolution to rejoin New York State Health Insurance and as such was adopted by an Andersen-Egan motion, all in favor.

The resignation of Trustee Terry Stiano was accepted with great regret and with hopes for her continued connection in an *ex officio* capacity. Janine Mignemi was nominated to the seat by an Andersen-Staats motion, all in favor.

MINUTES: Minutes were unavailable and will be reviewed at the May meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Roosa reported on the finances. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted by a Mignemi-Egan motion, all in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Peggy Johansen

See attached written report. Topics included improvements and plans in technology, programs, collections, statistics, personnel and the building.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Memorial Donations update: \$1,045 in donations were received in memory of Laurie Churchill.
- Eagle Project/shed: Paul Langowski, Scout Leader. Jonah Lilly, Eagle Scout candidate.

Jonah's proposed project is installing and landscaping a storage shed for the library; shed to be purchased by the library. Jonah will be appealing before the board in May to present a plan detailing the project and what he will need from the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Community Room hours: The current policy is that the Community Room is available for public use by request and only during library hours. Extending that time to 9:00 p.m. was discussed, providing insurance certificate requirements and lock up arrangements were met.
- By-laws Changes:

Clarify Article 1-2. Notice required prior to vote.*

The language in our 2004 Charter is “As vacancies occur trustees shall be elected.” The intent was to do this while respecting staggered terms which maximizes benefits from continuity and experience.

Clarity of language to ensure staggered terms was discussed.

Remove Article 1-4. Notice Required prior to vote.*

- Required motions to exceed tax cap for 2017 budget:

The following resolution was proposed under a Roosa-Egan motion, all in favor:

The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Mamakating Library on April 6, 2016:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2016-2017 budget for the Mamakating Library MAY require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Mamakating Library vote to approve to exceed the tax levy limit for 2017 by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law.

- Resolution to rejoin New York State Health Insurance Program:

The following resolution was adopted under a Roosa- Mignemi motion, all in favor:

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Mamakating Library of the State of New York elects to participate as a participating employer in the New York State Health Insurance Program and to exclude from such plan its retired officers and employees, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Civil Service Law and the Regulations governing the New York State Health Insurance Program, as presently existing or hereafter amended, together with such provisions of the insurance contracts as may be approved by the President of the Civil Service Commission and any administrative rule or directive governing the plan.

- 2016 goals:

Assessing and responding to technology needs as well as to attractive space for its use will be our goal for this year.

- Upcoming events for trustees:

Trustee Orientation and Leadership Session, registration required

Annual Brunch May 19, 2016 RSVP to Peggy a few weeks before

PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR: No comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Staats

