

Royalton Memorial Library
Board Meeting - July 3, 2018
4 -6 p.m.

Present: Marianne Pysarchyk, librarian, Chris Noble, selectboard member, Theresa Manning, sect'y, John Dumville, trustee, Louise Clark, trustee, Bonnie Kenyon, treasurer, Phoebe Roda, Vice President, Yulia Ballou, trustee and Pam Levesseur, Assistant Librarian.

Meeting came to order at 4:01 p.m.

Report from Chris Noble, the two boards have a way to go, there is not a common perspective, we need to work together, but at this point we only have conversation. Does the library still mean the same thing as in the days of Evelyn Lovejoy? What are the new trends in libraries? Marianne explained the use of the building and the hours it is used. The new building would provide access for the new hours and more programs. Chris suggested library board explain to the selectboard what the new programs are, the hours and number of patrons that would served in the community. Knowing exactly what the numbers are, how many voters are library card holders, circulation numbers, solid usage numbers should be presented to the selectboard. Yulia explained a survey would be helpful to show the benefit to the town and the usage. Yulia made the suggestion to design a survey in partnership with the selectboard. Marianne explained her program for exams and the extended hours of the library during that time. Marianne again explained the other services provided by the library such as printer use, laptop use, and internet use. Online, paper, internet are ways that would be employed to obtain information for the survey as well as get the survey to voters.

Chris outlined three areas of work:

#1 Chris Noble will inform the select board about the library user study.

#2: The library survey will be a joint effort by both select board and library trustees/staff, both boards will work together to find a professional survey writer.

#3: Value added for library (regardless of location) what the library currently offers: library services/programs/statistics and what it can offer in a new space.

Louise asked how the heat pump would be placed in the library without using the plan outlined by Jay White. Chris explained how this could be done. Chris was thanked for coming to the meeting and for trying to carrying mission of the library to the selectboard.

Conversations took place of how we can obtain information for a survey, as well as how to obtain more library card holders. Dan Richardson letter on hold for time being.

Financial Report presented by Pam Levesseur.

Librarians report: Monthly circulation figures, ideas to increase library usage. The library will have a booth at the Ole Home Day celebration. Trustees will be needed to help man the booth for one day, Saturday.

Minutes approved for the two special meetings with Chris Noble and minutes for the regular meeting. Motion was made by Louise Clark and seconded by John Dumville. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Theresa Manning