

Minutes of the Meeting

Kent Memorial Library Commission

June 13, 2017

Bob Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

I. Roll Call of Members

Present: Mike Alexopoulos	Robert "Bob" Brooks
Sam Coatti	Rebecca "Becki" Fuller
	Kathie Harrington
Ann Ho	Claire Kawalec
Catherine Morrow	Chris Rago
Bruce Rietberg	Robert "Bob" White
Jackie Hemond – Library Director	

Joan Greenfield has resigned, and Catherine Morrow is approved as a new Member.

II. Public Participation Lucy N. to view only. Mel Chafetz, Liaison with Board of Selectmen

III. Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes of May 9, 2017 with no changes made by Kathie Harrington. Seconded by Bob White. Passed unanimously.

IV. Communications Received None

V. Report of the Director

Jackie Hemond advised that the Inter-Library Loan service will cease June 19th, and the State Library hopes to recommence it mid-July. However, Bibliomation is investigating contracting for a new delivery system.

Jackie is working on programs to be held at the Senior Center, and is investigating starting an outreach program with Suffield-by-the-River.

The road to the library has been "torn up" to prepare for paving. However, the condition and potholes have reduced patronage and circulation, so we are hoping for early completion.

The "Pop-up" Library will start June 17 at the Farmer's Market. Wendy Mitzel, our new Teen/Youth Outreach person, is planning a Teen program at Babb's Beach in July.

Due to our space restrictions, our library has become a New Books library. However, we do not feel residents are aware of this, and we suggested Jackie look at this as an opportunity to increase resident awareness of this to attract patrons again, including in her column in the Observer.

VI. Standing Committees Reports

Claire Kawalec updated us that donated funds from the Fuller Estate have been received and deposited to the Fuller account.

VII. Special Committees Reports None

VIII. Unfinished Business

Update on Library Project – Mel Chafetz, a Selectman, and our Liaison with the Board of Selectmen, updated us on the upcoming “test” in the Gallery. If successful, encapsulation rather than sandblasting may be approved and used, which is far less expensive. Then the rest of the library can be done.

IX. New and Miscellaneous Business

Bob White updated us that the annual book sale will be September 8th to 10th at Sacred Heart Church, coinciding with Suffield-on-the-Green. He was asking for volunteers for various jobs and dates.

Jackie Hemond said that Patrick McMahon is preparing an application for a Construction Grant at the state for up to \$500k.

X. Adjournment

Bruce Rietberg made a Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Rago. Unanimous approval.

Bob Brooks adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

The next regular meeting will be September 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Rietberg
Secretary
June 13, 2017

Future 2017 Regular Meetings : September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12 (financial meeting).