

TOWN OF GRANBY
Granby Library Board Meeting
November 13, 2012
Granby Public Library

Call to order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Lynn Lochhead, Dick Lydon, Jennifer Pizzanello, Carol Bressor, and Pam Jones

Excused: B. Donna, J. Goff, and J. Guarco

Absent: S. Ball

Staff: Kelly Marszycki

Visitor: Bobbie and Bruce Sullivan

Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of October 9, 2012.

ON A MOTION by C. Bressor, seconded by D. Lydon, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2012 as presented.

Visitor

Bobbie Sullivan asked about the possibility of having steps put in from the parking lot to the sidewalk going into Cossitt Library. Ms. Marszycki stated she has spoken with the Director of Public Works about this matter and it is being reviewed. Also, there is a request for a storage shed at Cossitt Library. It was mentioned that there seems to be an issue with "critters" in the library after the demolition of the abutting house and barn done during the summer. Staff has complained about the air quality in the building. This could be because areas of books have been cleaned out to make room for a new program; maybe some mold or mildew has been stirred up. Now that the heat is on, maybe cleaning out the air vents would help to improve the quality of the air in the building. Another suggestion is to increase the cleaning time by Public Works by an additional hour and/or hire a professional cleaning service to clean twice a year – of course the cost and budget were mentioned in this discussion.

Bruce Sullivan reported the plantings around the library are in and look nice. Mulch will be put down at a later date. Maintaining the plantings was discussed. The hope is that responsible volunteers can do this.

Chairman Lochhead reported she spoke with Jean-Luc Godard at Belmeade Sign and he is waiting for materials for the sign. She asked about a target date for installation and matching the red color of the sign to the building. Mr. Godard will speak with J. Klase at Public Works about putting in the posts. He said Pubic Works should have left over paint from the last time the Cossitt Library building was painted.

Public Comment

None.

Director's Report – Kelly Marszycki:

Statistics for October – Ms. Marszycki will report statistics quarterly from now on. She stated numbers are up from last year at GPL and are holding steady at Cossitt.

- Ms. Marszycki had an interview with the *Drummer*.
- The under 30 crowd is becoming much more visible because technology is being used more by the library.

- Pinterest use for the library is being looked at. Ms. Marszycki stated other libraries are using this for book lists.
- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has a grant opportunity for general operating. This grant, if awarded, could be used to join the Library Consortium, which is an estimated (one time) cost of \$35,000. Joining the consortium would take over the cataloging system and whereas the consortium includes several other towns, provides support when necessary. The grant opens January 1, 2013, with the first go around in June and the second in December.

Old Business

Long-Range Plan: The Long-Range Plan has been printed and is expected to be presented to the Board of Selectmen on November 19th. Chairman Lochhead and J. Pizzanello worked on the Power Point presentation and a handout of that was provided. Ms. Marszycki will email pictures to J. Pizzanello to include in the presentation. The note stating that the survey information was printed as it was received did not get included in the document, but Chairman Lochhead will mention it during her presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

Terms Expiring January 2013: Pam Jones has asked to be reappointed. Bob Donna has asked to be reappointed. Shawn Ball will not seek reappointment. This will leave a (D) vacancy.

Ms. Marszycki reported that Jane Reardon, a member of the Friends of the Granby Public Library, will attend the upcoming Friends of the Cossitt Library meeting. She will suggest a holiday gathering be held and include the libraries staff, library volunteers, and all the members of the Friends groups. This is proposed to be a drop in event on December 7, 2012 from 2 - 4 p.m. at Cossitt Library. Punch and hors d'oeuvres would be served. Ms. Reardon will let Ms. Marszycki know the outcome after the meeting.

It was suggested that at the December meeting a "Blue Sky" event, to get all the library groups together to discuss library matters, should be discussed and planned. This is proposed for mid to late April 2013 and would need a volunteer to put it all together and host the event.

New Business

None.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 10, 2012 *at Cossitt Library*.

Adjournment

ON A MOTION by J. Pizzanello, seconded by C. Bressor, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian
Recording Secretary