

HAZARD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 9, 2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance: Denise Littlejohn (President), Amy Emerson (Treasurer), Lisa Semenza (Director), Ron Buxenbaum, Kathy Kirk, Betsy Donald, Kathy Button and Kathy Bailey (Secretary)

Excused: Nancy Hart

MOTION: to approve minutes from Sept. 2015 meeting (Button/Betsy), all in favor.

MOTION: to approve minutes from Oct. 2015 meeting (Amy/Ron), all in favor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Rex installed our new printer. We continue to be plagued with sporadic equipment failures for no apparent reason.

Lisa attended the FLLS Annual Meeting (with Amy) and the NYLA Convention in Lake Placid. The latter was especially valuable, as many of the sessions were applicable to our rural library.

Book Club, Story Hour and special holiday events continue to see good attendance.

MOTION: to approve contributing our share of the cost to purchase Overdrive Books for this year to FLLS, who will take care of choosing and ordering new selections (Button/Betsy), all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In October Amy paid: Duthie Painting for their work on our exterior

Michelle Miller for her work on the summer program
(Rosen Grant funds)

Travel expenses for Lisa

We received the \$10,000 state grant, courtesy of Senator Nozzolio.

Amy suggests that we should have an independent financial audit. She will look into what this might cost, and work it into next year's budget.

MOTION: to accept Treasurer's Report (Button/Ron), all in favor.

MOTION: to approve the following resolution (Amy/Button), all in favor.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the adoption of the 2016 budget for the Hazard Library Association 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 Hazard Library Association voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2016 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law.

Dated: November 9, 2015

Vote: 7 in favor

0 opposed

0 abstentions

OLD BUSINESS: Phil Collins will continue to provide snow removal. He will plow Lisa's parking area if we trim the shrub that is in his way.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion as to whether we need to seek an increase in funding for next year—tabled pending presentation of proposed budget and creation of a five-year plan.

Discussion of Annual Appeal campaign. Envelope stuffing will be done during December 3rd meeting at Kathy Button's house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Kathy Button's house)