

KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING OF May 21, 2019

Prior to our regular monthly meeting, the President Board of Trustees of the Kent Library and the Library Director made a presentation to the Kent Town Board at their work session which began at 7:00 pm. The presentation was to inform the Kent Town Board of our intention to proceed with our quest for enough signatures on a petition in order for a question to be included on the ballot in November, which would increase our yearly appropriation from the town of Kent

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by President Mike Mahoney with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present: Mike Mahoney, President, Carol Donick, Library Director, Tom Maxson, Otto Romanino, Beth Herr, Irene Rohde, Mike McDermott, Jessica McMath, Katie D'Angio, Marty Collins, and Flo Ratti

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the April minutes by Irene Rohde and seconded by Tom Maxson. There was one abstention. All the rest were in favor.

Treasurer's Reports: Otto advised that we were still 3% under budget but to keep in mind that we are using \$17,500 from the fund balance and personnel resignations and new hires had an impact on the figures. Several large invoices for large items such as insurance have not yet been received. A motion was made by Tom Maxson and seconded by Katie D'Angio to accept the reports. All in favor.

Check Register Reports: Reports were reviewed, no questions were asked. A motion was made by Mike McDermott and seconded by Mike Mahoney to accept the reports. All in favor.

Library Directors Report: Carol advised that our petitions have to be turned in to the Town Clerk by June 20th so we really need to get out there and get signatures. If the Voter Registration book is available, check as you get signatures to make sure they are valid. Carol had some visual aids that she had made up to show the board. The Book Sale is Memorial Day weekend and some board members will be trying to get signatures on the petition at that event. June 1st is Big Truck Day and again there will be board members trying to get signatures. Board members should also check the Doodle Poll and sign up for sessions when they are available. Carol also advised that the Friends Annual meeting will be on June 27th and she will request that they spend some money on the costs connected to advertising, etc. for the vote for the Library. Eric Mahollitz now has permanent Civil Service status. Putnam County Library Association Annual Meeting is May 29th at the Patterson Library. Some board members have already signed up. If anyone else wants to go, tomorrow is the last day to sign up. A motion to accept the Library Director's report was made by Jessica McMath and seconded by Beth Herr. All in favor.

Report of Standing Committees:

- A. Budget – Otto advised that when preparing the budget this year he will have to take into account our budget increase with a fallback plan in case we fail to receive sufficient votes from the public
- B. Buildings and Grounds – Mulching is underway. We pay for the mulch around the library.
- C. Friends - Jane Fowler was unable to attend but requested board president Mike Mahoney remind all that the Book Sale would be on Memorial Day Weekend and help was needed on the Monday before and The Tuesday after with set-up and break-down.
- D. Long Range Planning – No Report
- E. Nominations – No Report
- F. Personnel - No Report
- G. Policy – No Report
- H. Public Relations – This will be a busy committee over the next few months getting articles in the local papers, etc.

Old Business:

- A. Sustainable Funding Committee – Already discussed.
- B. Otto Romanino made a motion to request an annual appropriation of \$566,686 (a 7.5% increase) from the Town of Kent, to be voted on by the public at the next general election in November. This would be an average increase of \$6.01 per year per household. This motion was seconded by Mike McDermott. All were in favor.
- C. **Motion on Tax Cap:** *Whereas, the adoption of this 2020 budget for the Kent Public Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the 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 60 percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Kent Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2020 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on May 21, 2019.

This motion was made by Otto Romanino and seconded by Marty Collins. All were in favor

New Business: None

The next board meeting will be June 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Flo Ratti and seconded by Marty Collins. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Ratti