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Dover Town Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 @ 9 am
Dover Town Library

Present: Mark Bush, Adrian Hill, Guest – Stuart Swiny (guest - Dover Historical Society), Maud Chaplin (arrived 9.25am, left 9.53am), Judy Schulz, Cheryl Abdullah, Anne Coster, Tracy Tobin (Friends). Kim Hatfield was absent.

9.03am meeting started.

Announcements: $9,565 with 83 donors – up year on year. Trustees will start writing the Thank You notes.

Operating budget: This will be presented on 1/27/16

Reports:

Director's Report – no questions on this to Ms Abdullah.

Library Renovation Update – there appears to be a small delay of the carpet arrival & flooring workers completing their work, but Ms.Abdullah is liaising very closely with the Town, who are managing this part of the project. The electrician is working this week. The painting has been completed. Target date is February 16th, to which the Director is still holding.

Friends Update – $25,000 will be donated, with some publicity. The Friends' UnGala March format was discussed, with date still TBC.

Requiring Motions:

December Minutes – approved.

Open Items:

Trustees-Friends Appeal 2015-16 – has been sent.

Other Business:

Ms Schulz met with Sherborn Library Trustees to share thoughts and best practices.

Stuart Swiny spoke on part of the Historical Society about the books – he mentioned that the Society would like 5-6 feet of shelving space for Dover Historical Society for non-circulating items. Ms. Abdullah mentioned that there currently are non-circulating Dover books currently in the Library.

Ms.Coster asked about the risk of theft to non-circulating items and Mr. Swiny said that this would be "a risk he is willing to take". He made the point that the point of accessibility "greatly outweighs the risk of loss". The DHS would like to see a small section, of reference works, that academic research use – with easy access for interested community party. Ms. Abdullah agreed to work with Mr. Swiny to select the books currently in the Librarians room that could be put out as non-circulating items for research access – and this number will be made accessible to the public. This will be done once the renovations will be completed.

The question was made by Ms. Abdullah regarding the historical maps requested back by Janet Comiskey Gianninni. It was clarified that this was requested by her in her capacity on the Dover Historical Commission, rather than the Dover Historical Society.

10.05am A vote was taken to end the meeting.