

Kimball Library

Board of Trustees Special Meeting

August 31, 2010

I. Call to order

Chair Alan Phair called to order the special meeting of the Kimball Library Trustees at 6:30pm.

II. Roll call

Trustees: Julie Hammond, Wendy Doughty, Alan Phair, Kay Galloway, Gregory Spero.

Regrets: Linda Jette, Nina Gray.

Alternates: Margaret Finn.

Also Present: Director, Diane Heer.

III. Chairman's Report

Alan Phair provided an update on the 2011 budget items for the Kimball Library. The Kimball Library Trustees discussed how satisfied they are with the cleaning company and the high quality service they provide.

Diane Heere provided an update regarding the facilities and how the cleaning company noticed that the book rack supports were coming out of the wall. Ron Lamarre and Alan Phair reviewed and it was decided to call the installer of the racks to come and fix. The staff moved all the books off the rack so it could be repaired and is now OK with books back on rack.

Alan also reported that at the Selectman's meeting the previous evening, the Selectman mentioned that the Don Williams issue was considered closed as far as they were concerned and complimented us on the thoroughness with which we handled the investigation and the results achieved.

IV. Library Sign (external) (update on Planning Board Meeting Wed August 18, 2010 and vote on whether to proceed with sign project.

Julie Hammond stated she has concerns regarding the lighting of the external sign for the Kimball Library. Julie compared and made references to other towns regarding the sign. Julie Hammond stated she thinks the sign will be out of place and will not look so good with the lighting system. Julie stated she is worried about the image of the library and the citizens paying taxes seeing a very expensive sign and thinking how we purchased it? Julie finally stated she is not in favor of the illumination of the proposed sign and it is too showy. Julie suggested that it might be a good idea to take a town vote for approval of the LED sign.

Wendy Doughty stated that she believed the sign will serve everyone in town and she is happy to support the LED sign. Wendy stated it will improve communication for all citizens in town. Wendy stated that emergency notifications and special program notifications will be displayed on the LED sign and could help everyone in town get better connected to events and programs that are occurring. It is a safety issue walking out in the snow and ice placing letters up notifying the citizens of what is happening at

the Kimball Library. The LED sign will make it safer and more efficient to communicate with the Town.

Kay Galloway stated the issue is communication and not everyone gets channel 20. This will allow everyone to drive by and read what is happening at the library.

Gregory Spero stated the Kimball Library is not paying for the LED Sign as the Friends of the Library were kind enough to donate the sign. The citizens of Atkinson are not purchasing this sign the Friends of the library are and that should make the citizens happy. It will improve communication for everyone in Atkinson. Gregory stated his only concern was that guidelines be set up on using the LED sign and what can be displayed. The LED sign makes sense Gregory thought because not all of the Atkinson citizens are on line with computers logging onto the Kimball Library web site and now the LED sign will make it a little easier receiving up to date notifications of future programs. It will help communicate emergency announcements from the Fire department and Police department which will help serve everyone in Atkinson New Hampshire.

Alan Phair stated the neighbors of the Kimball Library approve of the LED sign and that was one influencing factor in proceeding with the sign. Alan stated the comments made by residents at the Planning Board concerning the history of the area & how it has already been changed with the common, fire station and new library also played an influence. Alan was impressed with all of the number of citizens he has spoken with who were in approval of the LED sign although there were a few who were dead set against it and that is another reason he approves of the LED sign. It will help with emergency notifications and missing child announcements. Alan stated the LED sign will not be on all night. Alan pointed outside to where a car driving on Academy Avenue going towards the library from either direction would first see the LED sign and it was not intrusive with the road and the safety of citizens driving past the Library. Alan also felt strongly that the Board of Trustees are elected to make decisions such as this and these type items need not go before a special Town Meeting vote. If the voters in general do not like our decisions, they can vote us out of office.

Kay Galloway made a motion to send a request to three sign companies for quotes for the purchase of a new LED sign for the Kimball Library. Wendy Doughty seconded the motion.

Alan Phair voted yes. Wendy Doughty voted yes. Gregory Spero voted yes. Kay Galloway voted yes.

Julie Hammond voted no. The Motion carried four to one.

A motion by Gregory Spero and seconded by Alan Phair to adjourn the meeting was approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Gregory Spero
Secretary