

Baker Free Library Trustees' Meeting
Monday, November 20th, 2017
12:00 pm in the Library's Upstairs Meeting Room

Present: Marc Van De Water, David Withers, Benette Pizzimenti, Christine Carey, Peirce Hunter, Lori Fisher.

Call to Order: 12:00 pm by Christine Carey.

New Business:

Warrant Articles for 2018 Town Meeting – Lori explains that the Board of Selectmen would like us to withdraw the warrant article for \$9000 to go to the library's emergency fund, and the warrant article for \$5000 to go to the library's maintenance fund. The selectmen have gotten the new tax rate which is up by \$1.48 (\$1.07 of which is an increase in public service), so they are trying to find \$300,000 to counteract this in the budget. They are considering changing to a higher deductible health care plan, which would save about \$200,000. They do not want us to withdraw the warrant article for the air handler overhaul.

We currently have \$16,000 in our emergency fund, and one potential upcoming "emergency" of having to replace some fascia in the spring for \$6000. We last used the fund for the roof repair. If we have need of further funds in an emergency, we have been assured that the language of the town's maintenance fund does not preclude our using it if needed, as it is for "town buildings," and the library is technically a town building.

Dave Withers made a motion that both the warrant article in the amount of \$9000 for the library's emergency fund and the warrant article in the amount of \$5000 for the library's maintenance fund be postponed to Town Meeting 2019. Marc Van De Water seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There is no public comment.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Trustees is Wednesday, December 13th, 2017, in the library's Welch Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Carey