

Starksboro Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2023 | 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Trustees in Attendance	Katie Antos-Ketcham, Christa Finnern, Leah Hamilton and Jake Mendell
Others in Attendance	Catherine Goldsmith, SPL Director
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.
2. Opener	<p>What is your favorite type of pie?</p> <p>Three berry pie Strawberry pie Milk pie Grapefruit pie Apple pie Shepherd's pie - savory over sweet</p>
3. Approval of Sept Minutes	<p>Discussion - Motion to approve minutes as written - Katie Second - Christa All in favor; motion passed</p>
4. Librarian's Report	<p>Planning for events has kept the library busy, including the Memorial for Liz Fairchild Saturday, 10/14 and the upcoming Piano Crawl featuring David Feurzeig, Friday, 10/20.</p> <p>For the Town Harvest festival, Catherine will bring the library's sticker project and have a board where people vote for their favorite genre. Katie will be there 3-5.</p> <p>Catherine posted on FPF about the upcoming open library technician position and storytime. The library clerk position description needs a revision. Question: can we afford to pay for some wider advertising? Can we post on the library list-servs? Lynn's last day is Dec. 15. Catherine asked for one volunteer from the Board to participate in interviews. Wages will be based on experience.</p>

5. New Business

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Town Hall Accessibility Committee:

- The Town Hall Committee was notified that the Selectboard will not pursue a site plan at this time. The Town Administrator plans to be in touch with District 5 AOT to ask some questions about 116 and accessibility in front of the building.
- The library was notified that it was awarded \$45,966 in municipal ARPA funding to match the VT Arts Council's Cultural Facilities \$30k grant for the vertical lift project.
- Regarding the \$20k American Library Association Grant for improving the first-floor's accessibility, Catherine reported that the original entry slope was designed to be 1:20 (an accessible path maximum) and 19' long. In reality, the slope is actually 1:12.5 and is 17' long. Mark Lucas has volunteered to help confirm Catherine's measurements. Improvements we believe we will need include a flat landing at the bottom; an alternate surface (honeycomb); and most likely a railing. This work will need a new architectural design and state permits. Katie offered the Board's November meeting for a Community Conversation, which is a requirement of the ALA organization before any monies may be spent. No decision was made.
- For the purpose of piano crawl, our understanding is that current fire safety regulations require us to have 49 people or less; ideally we will have a second egress in the future so that we can reach our capacity of 200 people for this square footage.
- Next steps: ALA Conversations, Town Hall Committee second egress discussion

Reimbursements

- The Board and Catherine discussed the Selectboard's proposed reimbursement policy. Katie and Catherine will plan to attend the

	<p>Selectboard meeting on Tuesday at 6:05 pm in-person. Christa will attend virtually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kate LR Gagner resigned from the Board effective October 10. Jake, Leah and Christa all agreed to reach out to someone they thought of who might be interested and available to fill the vacancy left by her resignation. <p>Tabled until next month: Community engagement with the library Policy review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upstairs play policy ● Materials policy
6. Adjournment	6:30
Upcoming Meetings	November 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Antos-Kelcham