

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLAINFIELD TOWN LIBRARIES

February 23, 2016; 7:00pm; Meriden Library

Draft Minutes

Present: Nancy Liston, Emily Sands, Mark Pensgen, Suzanne Spencer

Members of the Public: Clint Swift, Bonnie Swift, Steve Halleran

7:03 pm Call to Order

Suzanne made a motion to approve the agenda, Nancy Liston seconded. All voted in favor.

Announce: Non-public session announcement (RSA 91-A:3) if necessary: (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.

Clint Swift made a point of order. He said that the trustees could not go into nonpublic session citing reason C because in his opinion the employee has to be notified in advance and has a right to make it a public meeting. He also said that he believed the number of nonpublic sessions that the board has engaged in is giving the public a poor opinion of the board. Nancy Liston responded that the public gave its opinion of the board very clearly with the vote on the warrant article in 2015 and the trustee elections. The board also responded that the meeting was requested by an employee.

Nancy Liston made a motion to go into nonpublic session, Mark Seconded.

Roll call Vote as follows:

Emily Sands – Yes

Mark Pensgen – Yes

Nancy Liston – Yes

Suzanne Spencer - Yes

Specific Statutory reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session;

*RSA 91 – A:3 II (c) • matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Public session reconvened at 8:39 pm

Emily Sands made a motion to seal the minutes. Nancy Liston seconded. Roll Call vote to seal he minutes:

Vote as follows:

- Emily Sands– Yes
- Mark Pensgen – Yes
- Nancy Liston – Yes
- Suzanne Spencer – Yes

MOTION: Passed

Nancy Liston made a motion to adjourn. Emily Seconded. All voted in favor.

Adjournment at 8:39 pm