

## **MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 28, 2019

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Place:** Montague Center Library, Montague Center

**Attendance:** Nancy Crowell, David Harmon, Margot Malachowski, Tricia Perham, Gretchen Wetherby, Vicki Valley

**Montague Library Director:** Linda Hickman

**Absent:** Karen Latka, Jim Martineau

**6:30 Call to Order**

**6:31 Minutes** – Moved to accept as read by Nancy Crowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margot Malachowski, unanimous

**6:34 Corresponding Secretary's Report** - Nothing

**6:35 Personnel**

**6:36 Building and Maintenance**

**Update on building assessment**

Carnegie was assessed at \$600,000. Current assessment is \$1,544,300  
Other two libraries have upcoming assessment updates.

**Montague Center Library window replacement capital improvement request** Estimate is \$150,000, figure a 10% contingency

Hope to get figures from architect for Carnegie Basement overhaul

**Update on MC Library signs**

Supported by the Historic Commission and by the Montague Selectmen.  
Sign Signs will be the same shape as current signs and the same colors – gold on black. Wording will change: Center sign will read “1869 Montague Center Public Library”, door on one side will read “Library Entrance”, sign on alternate side will read : “Old Town Hall” Cost is \$4,100, with installation.

**Building Study update**

No one hired yet but Linda Hickman is in touch with someone.

**Update on Carnegie doors**

Interior doors have only a few finishing touches to do. Outside doors are in the shop. Notices have been put on the temporary doors to assure people that the original doors will return.

### **Millers Falls Library painting project**

Painting is finished and Masons are there now, they have removed old base for bookdrop at Carnegie, patched and sealed handicap ramp at Carnegie, and will install the new book drop on Monday, Nov. 4. They will also close up the wall opening at Millers Falls where the old book drop there is being removed and the old box from the Carnegie is being installed.

**7:17 Special Service**  
Nothing

**7:16 Programming updates** – Halloween parties have been well attended and a large crowd is expected at Montague Center on Halloween night.

**7:17 Friends Updates** – Book Sale Saturday, Nov. 2 at Carnegie Library from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Very good activity at the Great Falls Festival – gave away many books and information about the Friends.

**7:25 Public Relations**

**Senator Jo Cornerford visited Carnegie Library** – She was traveling around to various towns to discuss Special Education.

**Montague Center Library 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary part on 11/4/19 from 4-7 pm** Greenfield Recorder reporter is coming on Wed., Nov. 30 to do an interview about the upcoming event. Linda Hickman reported that the town libraries merged in 1982.

**7:27 State Aid Reports** – Put on hold until next meeting

**7:28 Items not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting.**  
Nothing

**Next Meeting Date:** November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Turners Falls at 6:30.

Potential December 9<sup>th</sup>, also at the Senior Center.

**7:42 Move to adjourn** Vicki Valley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gretchen Wetherby,  
unanimous

Vicki Valley

Recording Secretary

Montague Board of Library Trustees