

Academy Board Trustees (ABT) Agenda

9/9/2024 Minutes

Attendees: Kathy D., Bob S., Tom, Missy, Janet B, Janet D, Patti S.

Absent: None

Called to Order: 4:56 pm

1. Changes/Additions to Agenda

- Security update
- Rosemary Tottoroto, the Thomaston Garden Club rep joined us to talk about security for the back of the building. Their money box was broken into and stolen. The husband of one their members has offered to have a security camera installed that is focused on the Garden Club Stand.

Getting security cameras for the Academy Building raises many practical questions: would they be all around the building? Who would monitor them? How would the police be looped in? What would become of the information gathered? What are the rights and responsibilities associated with cameras?

Kathy D mentioned that the ABT would have to make a recommendation to the town to purchase cameras.

At one time, Chief Hoppe had said he would monitor a security camera that would link into the police cameras if they were installed.

Janet B pointed out that posting signs saying that the premises may be monitored has been found to be a deterrent.

Kathy and Missy mentioned that you can get cheap cameras.

Conversation to have with Dean in collaboration with the police department.

VOTE: Tom moved that we approve a security camera for the garden club; Bob seconded; approved unanimously.

2. Approve Minutes from 6/3/2024 (attached).

Tom moved; Missy and Patti seconded; approved unanimously.

3. Updates on:

- Elevator update – DONE
- Maine Author Festival Update – Maine Author's just posted that 1,000 people attended. Huge Success for everyone. The artists all participated. Bob observed that when he saw the tents being set up, he was concerned about where the

electronics were. Dean checked the area before they raised the tents. The tents were set up by Wallace.

- Library accessibility grant update. Caroline is still trying to get info from Tim Wilson.

Note: Update from Dean through Bob: "...have spoken with Tim and he got held up in Boothbay but will be done there within the next day or so. We can make sure the main entrance is on the top of his agenda. What is your schedule like during the day so I can find a time that works for both of you to meet?"

- Gym Door Replacement – Tim is on this job, too. Bob hasn't had any word from him. See previous bullet.
- Bell tower copper replacement – The work is in progress.
Note from Dean Camber: "Eric had a few mechanical issues with his lift but things are progressing nicely now. He was on the bell tower when I stopped by yesterday but I'll check in with him again today. I apologize for missing the board meeting last night I absolutely planned on being there but totally blanked out on it. The roof inspection has been done this year{2/2024} and will be done in the spring again as long as we have no issues in the meantime. I need to get in touch with Tim Wilson on several things and I will let you know when we can set up a time to meet."
- LED lighting upgrades. Bob suggests testing small areas before going whole hog. Bob reminded us that 25 replacements were budgeted but he would like to test an area. Janet D will send an email based on an estimated number of bulbs to go in a specific area and that area will be the first done.
- Roof leak in Room 200. It hasn't rained so Janet D can't give an update.
- Update Access security. See number 1, bullet 2.
 - Boiler room door – Janet D keeps the door locked and the people who need it have access to the key.
 - Main door – the inside door. Bob had planned to meet with Tim about refurbishing the door. Waiting for Tim to show up.

4. New Business

- Room 203: Schlomo Auciello is hosting a one time group event called Talking In Circles.
- Building Manager Introduction. Dean was unable to show.
- Board Membership - YES
 - Bob Snow - Done
 - Tom Mellor – Done
- Janet B will do some research on the 1772 Grant for a letter of intent and communicate back to the board.

5. Next ABT meeting

- **November 11, 2024, 5 pm**

6. Adjourned at 5:50: Tom moved to adjourn; Bob seconded. All approved.