

**Groton Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Final Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2016**

*Approved, Library Trustees, 3/7/2016*

**Attending:** Jane Allen, Mark Gerath, Kristen von Campe, David Zeiler, Vanessa Abraham and Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair, Anna Eliot. **Absent:** Nancy Wilder.

Jane Allen called the meeting to order 18:46.

**Vote Summary:**

- Mark Gerath moved to submit the Spring Town Warrant Article as drafted, Kristen von Campe seconded: Passed 4 – 0.
- Mark Gerath moved to present Marilyn Dabritz as the GPL nominee as GPL Trustee to the Board of Selectmen, Kristen von Campe seconded: Passed 4–0.

**Action Items:**

- Mark Gerath to call candidates and inform them of our decision
- Vanessa Abraham to submit the warrant article

**HDC:** The presentation went extremely well, with the HDC approving the retaining wall project and the amended drop box plans.

**CPC Funding:** Vanessa Abraham spoke with Bob Degroot of the Community Preservation Coalition (CPC). He indicated that they do not historically approve use of CPC funds for improvements for landscaping, but they do support historic preservation and historic renovation, which might translate to help with library doors, gutters, and similar projects. He also indicated that he would be willing to help the GPL understand the process more fully if we were to apply for funding during their next cycle.

**Landscaping Quote:** Babin Landscaping gave us quotes for cutting down all the front plants and putting up temporary construction fence before starting the retaining wall repair, as well as a quote for installing Lorayne’s landscaping plans and safety fence after the retaining wall project was complete.

**Spring Town Warrant Article:** As above, the Trustees approved the draft Warrant Article, which includes landscaping and fencing costs associated with this project.

**Trustee Vacancy Interviews:** We had three candidates put themselves forward to fill the recent vacancy on the GPL Board. A very sincere thank you to Albert Walton, Marilyn “Mimi” Dabritz, and Jennifer MacMillan for volunteering to serve on GPL board. They brought a wealth of experiences to the table, each unique and full of possible value to the GPL Trustees. Each candidate was asked the same 6 stock questions as well as additional questions resulting from their answers of those questions. After a lengthy discussion, the Trustees agreed to nominate Marilyn “Mimi” Dabritz to fill the empty Trustee seat. We will present our nominee to the BOS on March 7, 2016.

**Adjournment.** Mark Gerath moved to close the meeting at 20:28, Kristen von Campe seconded: Passed 4 – 0.

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Respectfully submitted,

David Zeiler, Secretary

List of Documents Distributed For Use by the Trustees at the Meeting:

1. Candidate Letters of Application
2. Trustee Interview Questions
3. Retaining Wall Landscaping Quotes
4. Spring Town Meeting Warrant Article Draft
5. Notes on CPC Funding
6. Agenda for Feb. 25, 2016 Meeting