

Simon Fairfield Public Library
Trustees Meeting
October 10, 2023

Present: Morrow, Anderson, VanReed, Chesebrough, Fontaine, Holden, and Snook.
Absent: Lyons, Harvey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Morrow at 4:22 PM.

Minutes

Approval of the minutes for the September 26, 2023 was tabled until the October 24, 2023 meeting.

Discussion and vote on applying for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commission's building grant

- Morrow led the discussion by asking for resolution of what is needed for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) grant.
 - Second site
 - Ownership of present library if it is no longer a library and reading room
 - It was agreed that preferences were to keep the Library where it is currently. Two sites were discussed, the VFW building, and the vacant old school behind the post office.
 - The school space is approximately 1.2 acres. The current Library's site is .56 acre.
 - It was felt that parking behind the Library is not big enough
 - It was agreed that a Library Building Committee is needed for any renovations to the current Library.
 - It was felt that the Simon Fairfield Public Library is not ready for the 2024 grant round and that it would be valuable to see how the activity and approval of applications is experienced. There are two new management positions at the MBLC, James Lonergan as Director and Andrea Bono-Bunker as Library Building Specialist.
 - It was questioned if working with the Town of Douglas might be more attentive to the library needs of the community

It was moved and seconded to apply for the MBLC building grant in March, 2024. There were no Ayes, 6 Nays.

It was decided that next steps for the library building would be on the October 24, 2023 agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Chesebrough, Secretary
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