

2013 Budget Recommendations Committee
(Rec/Welfare/Library/Social Services Subcommittee)

Library Budget Meeting

10/16/2013, 6:00p, Library Meeting Room A

Attendees: Hope Gordino, Don Woodward, Phil Johnson, Nikki Graney

Talking Points:

- 1) Building improvement program: \$3,000 increase includes new maintenance (fire call box upgrade inline with other town buildings).
- 2) Non-Exeter residents pay \$70/year to become library members. This allows them to borrow books and participate in the many programs offered by the library.
- 3) Library was built in 1987. Ongoing plans to reorganize/repurpose the interior. Fundraisers are held to raise funds specifically for the redesign. Library budget is same calendar as town (Jan-Dec).
- 4) Library employees are part of the same health care purchasing group as other town employees. (Health, Dental, Retirement, Life & same co-pays).
- 5) Staffing: 12 employees, 8 full time, 5 students (pages). Only full time employees receive benefits. Part time employees work between 12-30 hours/week.
- 6) Books are purchased at a discount. Magazine subscription currently purchased through Amazon. Library staff is always looking for the 'best deal'.
- 7) Library purchased a new microfilm machine as the old machine required constant repair and was costly to maintain. 'Moose Grant' was used to aid in preserving old documents.
- 8) Comcast allows the library Internet access at no charge.
- 9) Library sends texts and email reminders to members to reduce postage costs.
- 10) Library is utilizing new computer software that members may use to reserve or renew books.

- 11) Library purchases various museum passes for members to utilize. Passes grant members free/significantly reduced admission.

American Independence Museum
Boston Children's Museum
Boston Museum of Fine Arts
Children's Museum of NH
Currier Gallery of Art
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center
New England Aquarium
Peabody Essex Museum
Seacoast Science Center
SEE Science Center

- 12) Air conditioners are aging and many people come to the library to find reprieve from the heat during summer months. A design plan is needed before pursuing grant money.

- 13) Looking to form a new building committee for the library in the next year. Committee will consist of library trustees and any interested residents.

- 14) Library trustees meet once/month.

- 15) Library assists people with job searching, set up of email accounts as NH job center only accepts resumes/applications via email.

- 16) Subcommittee toured the teen room.

- 17) Tax assistance is available at the library on Tuesday & Thursday evenings during tax season. This service is provided by AARP & volunteers.

- 18) Proposed 2.4% increase due to factors such as insurance and operating costs beyond the control of the trustees.

Meeting concluded at 7:15