

PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 8, 2016

The Plaistow Public Library Board of Trustees held a special meeting at the Public Library on Monday, August 8, 2016, for a presentation regarding the Fire Suppression System.

Present: Catherine Willis, Chair
Jane Query, Treasurer
Jennifer Kiarsis, Secretary
Luann Blair
Michelle Sykes, Alternate

Not Present: James Peck, Vice Chair
Rosemarie Bayek, Alternate

Others Present: Cab Vinton
Ockert J. Van Der Schijff, Pr. Eng., Ph.D, P.E.

Catherine Willis called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:05 am.

A presentation was given by Ockert J. Van Der Schijff, from Exponent, a company specializing in Materials and Corrosion Engineering of fire suppression systems. The library has had leaks off and on over the years with the fire suppression system, and recently lost a compressor due to a power failure. The system is currently not operating and the library is at risk should a fire occur.

Cab has obtained quotes to repair the compressor, as well as the fire suppression system. This presentation was to educate the Board and the Director about what issues could be present in the system and options that the Library could take to correct them. Also it was the recommendation of Mr. Van Der Schijff that a nitrogen generator system would be the best for alleviating standing water in a dry system (which is consistent with the report of leaks that we told him about) and longevity. The nitrogen system will essentially eliminate the presence of the water left in the pipes from the necessary and required system testing. His company would evaluate the present system and report a sampling of the condition of the pipes and sprinkler heads. This analysis is expensive and would be a sampling, not a complete analysis of the entire system.

There are several options, from a partial replacement of pipes on an ongoing basis to a complete replacement of the Fire Suppression System, and whether or not the analysis would be beneficial to that decision. Cab will have more information about the insurance coverage of the compressor repairs for the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting (on August 16). At that time the Board will need to make a decision regarding which path to take to get the system up and operational again.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiarsis, Secretary