



Trustee Special Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM

In Attendance: Betty Dunn, Chair; Neil Fallon Trustee; Roy Dennehy, Trustee; Rich Parow, Trustee; Lisa Thornton, Secretary; Cheryl Haas (Searles Coordinator)

Excused: Peter Griffin, Vice Chair; Michael Mazalewski, Trustee; Frank Merchel, Trustee; Jennifer Simmons, BoS Representative

Agenda:

- Review draft of Letter to the Editor explaining Article #7
- Coordinator’s Update
- LCHIP Recognition Application

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM

Meeting Minutes:

The following meetings will be reviewed by the board at the next Searles trustees meeting:

Meeting Min. Date	Motion to Accept	Seconded By	Discussion/Comments	All in Favor
1/18/2022			To be reviewed at next meeting	
2/10/2022			To be reviewed at next meeting	

Review Draft of Article #7 Letter to the Editor:

- Draft letter was reviewed. The following edits were recommended:
 - Substitute “legally” to the “cannot **expend** the unused funds
 - Mike M’s input via text is reviewed. All agreed to add the following: reference to preservation of the priceless chimes, recommendation from the structural engineer to make repairs to interior tower, revise to add more explicit explanation of the repairs needed.
 - Include *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
 - Add the Coordinator’s email address as an option to contact for inquiries
 - Betty will revise the draft and sent to trustees for review.



Coordinator's Update:

- Searles's Revenue fund is currently \$8,905
- Cheryl advised Dennis regarding concerns with maintenance of the floors.
- Cheryl will email trustees the schedule of needed open/close coverage for March
- All agreed to hold off returning WAG's security deposit pending Dennis' assessment of the paint on the floor
- Cheryl has received several inquiries for future event dates. She shared that she had posted on Facebook a pitch to encourage booking graduation 2022 events. Betty recommended tracking the inquires in order to determine the effectiveness of these posts.

LCHIP Recognition Application:

- Discussion of the types and size of preservation projects which are considered for this recognition was discussed. Trustees questioned if the Searles restoration projects would qualify.
- Lisa explained that the application process is extensive and given the mid-March deadline for submission that it would be unlikely that we could gather the required documentation in time.
- All agreed to forego a submission at this time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. Moved by Rich Parow, seconded by Roy Dennehy, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Thornton

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Searles School & Chapel Board of Trustees Secretary