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**Library Trustees**  
*Terry Cleveland, Chair*  
*Sara Walker, Vice Chair*  
*Kollene Caspers, Secretary*  
*Bob Giroux, Treasurer*  
*Deb Mann, Trustee at Large*

**Georgia Public Library Trustee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:00 – 2:30 pm**  
**Location: Georgia Public Library**  
**MINUTES**

Trustees Present: Kollene Caspers, Terry Cleveland, Bob Giroux, Deb Mann  
Trustees Absent: Sara Walker  
Staff Present: Bridget Stone

1. Call to order: 1:00pm
2. Additions, Deletions, or changes to the Agenda
  - Add approval of last meeting's minutes and New Town Plan Draft discussion.
3. Approve the minutes of the 7/31/24 Library Trustee Meeting
  - Approved with minor changes and the addition of T. Cleveland's requests to the Selectboard under Other Business. B. Giroux made the motion, D. Mann seconded, all in favor.
4. Capital Budget Plan Discussion
  - Library Trustees discussed a potential list of improvements to request to the Town of Georgia regarding the Capital Budget Plan. These include,
    1. Hiring a consultant to examine the library for design and functionality.
    2. Bringing the Georgia Public Library (GPL) up to ADA compliance, including correcting the grade to enter the library; adjacent parking for individuals with disabilities; adding push plates to entrance and bathroom doors for access; installing wall and window coverings to help tamper noise levels; and updated flooring is connected to ADA standards.
    3. Improve the GPL's electrical outlets to accommodate the needs of the library and library patrons' electronic devices. The entire library is currently being run on 4 power strips, which creates a problem for patrons who need an outlet for electronic devices.
    4. New circulation desk to allow for 2 library workers as well as improved working space for circulation and inter-library loans and improved efficiency.
    5. A fresh coat of paint for the library interior. It is believed the building has not been painted since the library moved here in 1987.
    6. Electronic sign for communication within the community and an opportunity to work together with the Town of Georgia to disseminate shared information. (This was presented in the 2019 Capital Budget Plan.)
    7. Update the GPL parking lot, repaving, relined and an increase in parking spaces.
    8. Book drop upgrades, including indoor and outdoor receptacles.

- B. Giroux, B. Stone and T. Cleveland will work together on the Capital Budget proposal for the Selectboard. This Capital Budget Committee will meet on Friday August 9 at 2pm.
5. Town Plan Draft
    - T. Cleveland brought the Trustee's attention to the underrepresentation of the Georgia Public Library in the draft of the new Town Plan, in both Part II: Georgia Today as well as in Part IV: Vision, Goals and Policies.
    - K. Caspers explained the Planning Commission's timeline and process in updating the Town of Georgia's Town Plan. Michael Allen, the consultant from ReGrowth Planning, is still taking comments to add to the draft.
    - T. Cleveland will reach out to M. Allen with suggested additions and statistics for the GPL's sections in the draft. The Trustees are also welcome to address the Planning Commission at their next meeting on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
  6. Executive Session (if needed)
  7. Adjourn
    - B. Giroux made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. All in favor.

Posted to the Town of Georgia website. The Zoom recording of the meeting will be available to view on the Town of Georgia website for a minimum of 30 days.