

Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Special Meeting of the Turner Public Library Trustees to discuss Cobb Road Property

Present: Richard Gross, Kelli Burnham, Jenny Maheu, Cindy Tibbetts, Theresa Gillis, Anthony Shostak, and guest: Jimmy (Noonan?)

I. Cobb Road Property. Anthony presented the lone offer on the property, made on June 13, 2019 by email by Kyle Youland:

Good morning Anthony,

I would like to make the library committee an offer on the Cobb Rd lot of \$20,100.00 contingent on clear title. It would be a cash sale and I can close on the property in 30 days. If there are no issues. (I can't foresee any). As for a deposit I was thinking \$2000.00 unless the library committee was thinking something different for a deposit.

If there is anything else you need from me please let me know.

Kyle Youland

Shostak reported that he informed Youland of receipt of offer and clarified that the trustees stipulated 10% down before opening floor to discussion. Gross inquired as to our purchase price, Maheu responded \$25,000. Jimmy asked for clarification of Youland's offer, then excused himself from the meeting, saying that he could not meet that. Shostak asked the trustees to consider if, in order to be the best stewards of the Cobb Road asset, we needed to respond with a higher asking price. Discussion included the number of offers, the inflated market at time land was purchased, the ongoing cost of holding onto the property, and the fact that the proceeds from a sale would increase our endowment and thus earn the library money rather than costing us (through taxes). Gross moved that that we accept the offer, contingent upon the seller paying all legal costs and fees associated with the sale of the property and transfer of the deed. Tibbetts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business

A. Maheu reported that the land-use agreement authorization for the July 4th events has not been received from MSAD 52. Gillis said she would expedite.

B. Burnham reported that MSAD 52 will be doing paving work that may limit access to the parking lot over the summer after July 4th. The library may need to close. Maheu suggested the possibility of alternative book drop locations, and Gillis suggested

tapping corporators to deliver books to those who can't navigate the lawn of the Green from parking along RT 117.

III. Tibbets moved to adjourn, seconded by Burnham. Motion passed unanimously.