

**Library Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 4, 2019
Dearborn Redden Room
5:00 p.m.
Agenda**

A. Call to Order- the meeting was called to order at 5:20pm

B. Attendance: Director Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Chair Bob Lamothe, Trustees Chris Hendry, Liz Keroack, Deb Knowlton; Alternates Brian Abasciano, and Secretary Theresa Evans guest Ned Kittredge, local pest management professional

C. New Business

- a) Patron Ban: Extensive and thoughtful conversation regarding the conflict between individual rights and public/community rights. Little to no available resources to mirror clear policy change.
- b) Pest Policy: Details specific to better understand the “threat” of these pests was discussed with the expertise of Mr. Kittredge.

D. Old Business

Ransomware public notice- Legal counsel to be re-requested from Town

E. Summary of Action Items

- a) Request to the Selectman to use Town Lawyer
- b) Should the town attorney not be available, we might consider hiring a lawyer to assist with determining what we might be within the law for us to ban patron based on “health related” concerns
- c) Determine liability of Board
- d) Consider reaching out to Portsmouth Housing Authorities to determine their policy on bed bugs
- e) Continue to research other libraries policies regarding bed bugs or other possible infestations
- f) Reach Matt Cahillane, Department of Health and Human Services, to determine how they might activate an evaluation of residency
- g) Review of one policy that has some language about banning patrons for health or cleanliness concerns
- h) Ongoing research

F. Next Meeting- Wednesday October 13, 2019

g. Adjournment at approximately 7:30 p.m. Secretary, Theresa Evans departed at 7 p.m.