



TOWN OF PEMBROKE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2017

Pembroke Town Hall
311 Pembroke Street

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

**Gerard Fleury - Chairman – Trustee of Trust
Funds Dan Crean – Trustee of Trust Funds
Courtney Eschbach – Trustee of Trust Funds**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

The first order of business was the review of the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2017. Trustee Crean made a motion to approve the minutes as written, which received a second from Trustee Eschbach. The vote was all in favor and the motion passed.

Chairman Fleury noted an omission and an error on the meeting agenda. He stated that Item 3 listed the date of a poll vote as March 7th when it should have read April 7th. Furthermore, another poll vote was taken on May 9, 2017 to distribute \$34,000 for the annual scholarship awards. He explained that the poll had been taken and the funds distributed but that he had failed to enter the item on the agenda for subsequent approval.

Trustee Crean then offered a motion to approve item 2, the corrected item 3, and the poll vote ratification of the poll vote of the May 9th distribution which he labeled item 3a. The motion received a second from Trustee Eschbach. There was no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote and it was all in favor.

Chairman Fleury then turned to the matter of a request for a distribution from the Education Opportunity Trust which was submitted by the Parents Action League for Schools, (PALS). He explained that there was a degree of confusion because those making the request made references to “Literacy Trust” rather than Educational Opportunity Trust. He went on to explain that the Literacy Trust did not have a sufficient balance to fund the request and that there did not appear to be any prohibition to using the Educational Opportunity Trust for literacy related projects. The compliance issue with both trusts centers around language which stipulates that the funds are not to be spent to supplant purposes normally covered by the school operating budget.

Considerable discussion ensued and it was acknowledged that a school operating budget could conceivably fund almost anything, and that placed a difficult burden on the trustee as to what constituted acceptable use of the funds.

The trustees examined the scope and definition of the request from PALS, which could have been construed to be little more than library operating supplies. In the end, because the project appeared to be special, non-recurring, and not a function currently provided by the school district, Trustee Crean offered a motion that the request be approved with restrictive conditions. He moved that the request be funded on the stipulation that any future request for the same purpose be deemed ineligible. Future requests from this trust would need to be special, non-recurring, and not for the same or related purpose. The motion received a second from Trustee Eschbach and the Chairman called for a vote. The vote was all in favor and the motion passed.

There being no further business to conduct, Trustee Crean offered a motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM.