

FINAL

**LIBRARY INTERNET TASK FORCE  
KILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Monday, January 7, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amy Lappin (Library Deputy Director), Amber Coughlin (Children's Librarian, Chuck McAndrew (IT Librarian) Ann Sharfstein, Stephen Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Deputy Director Lappin called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.**

*Mr. Chuck McAndrew MOVED that Deputy Director Amy Lappin be nominated as Chair of the Library Internet Task Force. Seconded by Stephen Taylor.*

*\*The vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0). Deputy Director Lappin was recused from this vote.*

**2. Discussion about the scope of the charge that the Task Force will examine pertaining to the Library Public Internet:**

This group was brought together to investigate the efficacy of internet content filtering in preventing access to obscene or pornographic material, or material deemed harmful to minors, while using Lebanon Library computers. This is a fact-finding group and not a policy making body. Time will be taken to find out what the options might be, or not be, towards either filtering computer content or finding another way to review internet content in the library.

The group had a discussion regarding what their scope of charge should be that included the following:

- Looking at different internet filtering options and costs.
- What other libraries are doing with internet filtering
- How filters function, what they do, and if they might have any unexpected consequences.
- The scope of the problem (patrons using library computers to gain access to obscene or pornographic materials).
- Current filtering programs and their accuracy.
- Talk to the schools regarding what kinds of filters they are using, the cost of these programs and the cost for staff monitoring.
- Defining the scope of filtering personal wifi is a policy issue that should be decided by the Library Board of Trustees.

**After a discussion regarding the charge of the Library Internet Task Force, the following action took place:**

*Mr. Chuck McAndrew Moved that the group investigate the efficacy of internet content filtering in preventing access to obscene or pornographic material, or material deemed 'harmful to minors' using (Lebanon's) public library computers and or internet access. The group (Library Internet Task Force) will additionally examine alternatives to filters. They will report their findings back to the Board of Trustees by March 31, 2019.*

*Seconded by Ms. Amber Coughlin.*

*\*The vote on the MOTION was unanimous (5-0)*

**3. Public comment(s): No members of the public attended this meeting.**

**4. Next Meeting Date:**

First option is to hold the meeting on February 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm, Kilton Library. The City Clerk will be consulted and if this date is not feasible, the group will meet on February 11, 2019 at 6 pm at the Kilton Library.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Stephen Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm.*

*The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Ann Sharfstein.*

*\* The vote on the MOTION passed (5-0).*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dona E. Gibson  
Recording Secretary