

Approved: November 17, 2017



**Trustees of Trust Funds
Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 20, 2017
Conference Room, Merrimack Town Hall, East Wing**



The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am. Trustees present were Wilkes, Balcom, and Christensen.

The minutes of September 22, 2017, were approved as distributed. Motion by Balcom, second by Wilkes, 2-0-1, Wilkes abstaining.

Copies of wills for Addie Shedd-Harris and George Carroll were reviewed as Fire Rescue Chief Currier had inquired about the availability of funds for fire protection. Both wills referred to funds to be used "for fire protection in the Village of Reeds Ferry in the Town of Merrimack." At the time of the bequests, 1925 and 1951, the Reeds Ferry Fire Station next to the Smith Barn (now Homestead Restaurant) did not exist, and we're unsure of the date of construction of the fire engine garage on Elm St. in Reeds Ferry. We have records of a 200,000 gallon water tower put in operation in 1934. This was located at the end of Harris Ave by the Everett Turnpike. (Subsequent research indicates that this was also the first office location for the Merrimack Village District which was established in 1955. The tank has since been dismantled and MVD offices moved to Greens Pond Rd.)

Copies of bequests in favor of the Merrimack Public Library were briefly discussed. The Trustees make annual payments of income to the Library in accordance with related RSA's. Digital copies of the documents were sent to Janet Krupp, MPL Treasurer.

Initial response from Town Counsel was that charter schools are not eligible for funds from Trustee held bequests to benefit Merrimack district schools. Balcom will continue to research this issue.

Email was sent to the Merrimack School District inquiring about the statuts of the programming curriculum and the JMUES Library for which funds were encumbered. No response as of this meeting.

We have learned that the Town is continuing research into various gravesites for which we hold perpetual care funds. A question was raised about any Town-owned or supported sites in Last Rest Cemetery. Paul Micali, Town Finance Director is researching these matters.

Future meetings are scheduled for November 17 and January and January 19, 2018.

Motion to adjourn by Balcom, second by Wilkes, passed 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Christensen, Trustee Secretary/Treasurer