

Present:

Maggie Ciesinski
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Also Present:

Sue Swanton

This workshop was convened to determine if OFL were to proceed forward in becoming a Legislative District Public Library how we would move toward that goal.

Agenda:

- Review Sue's notes of the Libby Post meeting, recommendations
- Discuss pros and cons for change over
- Establish steps forward in the process

Discussion highlights:

understand differences between OFL and a public library

- want Rochester delegation on board
- 2% tax cap, new ballgame for towns, limits local tax funding
- start a foundation now to manage and protect private monies with separate 501[c]
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Advantages:

- act like a business, open, transparent, responsible, inclusive
- better than 50% approval rate for creating new library districts
- 98% of budgets passed when requesting an increase
- part of civil service and NYS retirement as a special library district
- town levies tax for new library district
- possibility of contract with town for bookkeeping and payroll services
- Governor has approved all special library district legislation

Disadvantages:

- establishment of public library requires many steps and quality advice
- hire specialist in library law
- state legislation needed for establishment of district
- need to enlist support of Monroe County, state delegation, Sue has contacts
- need to ask for enough money to establish district
- will take 18-24 months to achieve district status
- cost, \$10,000-15,000 in legal fees; \$60,000 in Libby Post fees

Questions:

- public pension costs?
- negotiations by town for rental utilities?
- what if vote doesn't pass in future?
- raising campaign money?

New director:

- make posting as open as can be
- non profit, internet, D&C
- establish pay and benefits amounts

Summary:

- meet with Gay
- discuss advantages and disadvantages with board
- research becoming a library foundation
- create written agreement with Friends
- new director, approach to replying to candidates
- survey town and create awareness

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Coffey