

Sharlene Myers

From: Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 2:40 PM
To: freckledhorsefarm@msn.com
Cc: Sharlene Myers
Subject: FW: Library Employees

Thanks Teresa. We are forwarding your comments to the budget committee.
-paul

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From: Teresa Do [mailto:freckledhorsefarm@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Town Manager
Subject: Library Employees

I've heard news that the assistant at the library is going to be let go and I do not support it, the library is very important to our town and I can't imagine that one person would be able to complete all of the tasks that are needed to be done. Teresa Do

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From: Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:07 PM
To: Jessica Farwell
Cc: Sharlene Myers
Subject: RE: Library

Thank you Jessica. We will forward your comments to the budget committee.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica Farwell [mailto:jessica.farwell31@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Town Manager
Subject: Library

I'm writing in support of our library and both our librarians. They do so much for the community and one librarian just isn't eno for them to continue the amazing work they do.

Jessica Farwell
New Gloucester resident

Sharlene Myers

From: Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Katie
Cc: Sharlene Myers
Subject: RE: Library

Katie, thank you for your comments. We will share them with the budget committee.

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From: Katie [mailto:ktang185@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Town Manager
Subject: Library

I am very saddened to hear about the proposed cutting of funds for the library. I grew up being told reading and school weren't important. It is so important to me that my kid grows up with a different message. She loves going to the library and has been heartbroken missing it the last 2 months. She frequently brings it up. The library is on of the last places we still have a sense of community. We moved to NG because of the small town feel. It deeply saddens me to hear hours and staff may be cut.

Katie Tanguay

Sharlene Myers

From: Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Kimberly Smith
Cc: Sharlene Myers
Subject: RE: Save the Library

Thank you. Your information will be forwarded to the budget committee.

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From: Kimberly Smith [mailto:kmbrybsmith@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Town Manager
Subject: Save the Library

Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well. I support the library and wish for both staff to be retained.

Thank you for your time.

Sharlene Myers

From: Town Manager
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:53 AM
To: Sharlene Myers
Subject: FW: Letter for the library

-----Original Message-----

From: Elisabeth Hardcastle [mailto:sterlinglizzy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Town Manager <townmanager@newgloucester.com>
Subject: Letter for the library

To whom it may concern,

I am writing a letter of support for the NGPL and Parks and Rec. I'm not sure I really have the right to, as my family and I moved 2.5 years ago from New Gloucester to the town of Yarmouth. But, my family and I still come the library and visit with our favorite librarians often.

Frankly, the library was the one reason we were sad to leave NG. That place had created a sense of belonging to that town that no other place had. As a young mother, I didn't know how to connect with other families or activities and then I went to story hour with Ms. Sue. We were hooked. The library is a refuge, a safe place, a place to get great books, people who care about you and are committed to uniting a rural community.

I remember going through budget cuts a few years ago, or maybe 5. So many people came out in support of the library and of Sue and Carla. And, now we can't come out in person, but at least we can tell you how we feel. I feel sad And I feel angry. For a place that works so hard, for so little for so many people, and you want to take it away. You can do better town of New Gloucester.

This is one of the chief reasons we left. It seems to be run by people who place greater value on things like multi-million dollar fire and transfer stations and all the toys that go with it, rather than people, community and schools.

Also, as far as parks and rec, I think you've got someone special running that. There are so many cool and fun looking opportunities available since we left. Another way to make your town special and unique.

Thank you for considering my letter. I still have hope that you'll recognize what a special place you have.

Elisabeth Hardcastle

Sent from my iPhone