

Ashland Town Library
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting
July 22, 2015

Members Present: Alice Staples, David Ruell, Mardean Badger

Others Present: Sara Weinberg, Library Director; Marc Elbaum

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair Alice Staples at the Ashland Town Library.

LEAD PAINT EVALUATION

We met with Marc Elbaum, who recently conducted a lead paint inspection of the first floor and open areas of the second floor of the Ashland Town Library. A complete copy of the "*Lead Based Paint Inspection Report*" (June 4, 2015) is available for review at the Library.

Key Points

- The lead exposure program is targeted at children, especially those who may be exposed to lead paint for 6 hours or more per week.
- Sources of lead exposure are (1) peeling paint chips and (2) lead dust, primarily from impact and friction.
- The lead exposure must be by ingestion.
- The danger threshold is a lead level equal to or greater than 1.0 mg/cm².
- In the lead inspection report of the Library, the important pages to consider are those titled "Components Containing a Lead-Based Substance." These pages are based on the hand-written report forms for each room.
- The primary target of the program is housing, where children and adults may be exposed. Libraries are not included in the program. But, if a case of lead poisoning were being investigated and the source were not found in the housing, other facilities that the person frequented would be investigated. The library, in such an instance, may become one of the lower level areas to be investigated.
- There are 2 accepted levels of control:
 - Interim control -- e.g., scrape and paint; cabinet bumpers at points of impact; FRP covering for window sills; quarter round molding on top of baseboards; etc.
 - Abatement
 - Encapsulatory paint -- applied to 7mils thick, comes in 5 gallon quantity (about \$50 per gallon), can be guaranteed for 20 years if it passes the x-cut testing routine, not allowed for friction or impact surfaces.
- **RRP certification (remove, repair, paint) is required for any painting contractor working with lead paint remediation. DO NOT HIRE ANYONE WITHOUT THIS CERTIFICATION!**

Marc also provided additional **informational handouts**:

- "*Lead Exposure Hazard Control Methods: Abatement vs. Interim Control Methods*"
- "*Lead Abatement Contractor List, July 2015*" (NH Department of Health and Human Services)
- "*Encapsulant Use*" and "*Encapsulation Test Documentation Form*"

The Trustees and Director discussed which key areas we should address for lead paint containment. Bumpers can be purchased and easily installed around *room/closet doors and cupboard doors* where impact is prevalent. We will check hardware supply stores for the bumpers.

The primary area we need to address is the *upper window frame behind the circulation desk*. Loose paint chips have been falling down onto surfaces below. Marc explained that the work area surrounding the window must be enclosed and sealed with heavy plastic and all surfaces within must be thoroughly covered while the work is in progress. He again emphasized that any contractor must have RRP certification.

At our regular meeting on July 28, we will discuss further how to address the window issue. We will invite our Health Officer, Fran Newton, to the meeting.

SCRIBNER TRUSTEES

We signed the letters that we are sending to the Scribner Trustees -- one letter regarding our response to their denial of a video camera security system, and a second letter agreeing to their suggestion of re-keying the library building. Copies of the letters are also being sent to the Town Administrator and each of the five Selectmen.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 pm at the Ashland Town Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Submitted by Mardean Badger