

**Board of Library Trustees Meeting
October 2, 2007**

7:00 p.m.

[Medway Public Library](#)

Attendees:

Trustees:

MaryAnn Cabibbo, Vice Chairman
Elliott Edwards
Meena Jain
William Roberts, Secretary
Chuck Rockwood
Wendy Rowe, Chairman

Citizens:

Margaret Perkins
Richard Dunne, Selectman

Minutes:

MaryAnn brought the meeting to order at 7:05 just as Wendy arrived.

- A. Approval of agenda
- B. Secretary's report (June, July, August, September)

Motion to approve June 5, July 3, and Sept 5 minutes (August was approved last month). EE1 WLR2. Nobody voted no. Meena abstained from July, Chuck from September.

- C. Citizens and Trustees speak re \$250K FY08 earmark

Wendy provided an initial list of things to spend the grant money on ([see below](#))

We need to provide a budget for this money. It needs to go first to the Selectmen and Town Administrator and then on to the State. It needs to broadly lay out how

all the money will be spent. It needs to consist of broad bullet points such as: "IT Infrastructure", "Facility Expenses", "Materials", etc

It does not need to specify how each dime is to be spent. However, so that the numbers are close to accurate and so that we spend the money most wisely, we need to come up with a list of items with their expected costs.

Richard Dunne said the selectmen were very unlikely to interfere with how the Trustees plan to spend the money.

Increased hours is the most popular patron request. Some patrons (the secretary included) are confused because the library is never open the same hours two days running. Many residents have requested Saturday hours.

Richard felt that increasing hours was very important. When asked, he said if he were us he would open Saturdays.

There is a concern felt by some Trustees and the staff generally that increasing hours, in particular being open Saturdays (something we haven't done in years) would send voters the message that everything is hunky dory at the library and that we don't need their support.

The discussion centered on Saturday hours. It was generally felt that not trying to provide Saturday hours would make patrons very unhappy. It was also felt that it is our business to provide the best library service within our power.

To be open Saturdays, we would need 1 of our experienced current workers present. We would then bolster them with 2 temps if other current staff are not interested in working on Saturday. Given the expected patron volume, we need 3 librarians.

Katherine has expressed a willingness to work some Saturdays. Margaret would also be willing (she works 1 Saturday a week in Holliston).

It was the general sense of the Trustees that we would not require the existing staff to work Saturdays. (Back when the library was open Saturdays, staff members were expected to put in 1 Saturday a month).

Motion: Open the library on Saturdays for at least 3 but no more than 4 hours from November through June. EE1, CR2

Amending Motions: (all with the goal of letting the staff know they aren't being coerced)

- o Motion to amend: Add phrase: "without mandating that the staff work Saturdays" MAC1, Meena2

The goal was to reassure the staff that we were not forcing them to work Saturdays.

The argument against it was that it sounded wishy washy and wasn't really needed.

Motion Failed, 2/3: Ayes - MAC, Meena; Nays - EE, WLR, CR

- Elliott proposed an alternative which phrased it more positively: amend with phrase "Staff will be given first choice to work on Saturdays but are not required to". EE1, WER2

Motion failed, 1/3: Ayes - EE; Nays - WLR, MAC, CR, Meena abstained.

- Motion to amend: "Library staff will have the opportunity but not the obligation to work on Saturdays." EE1, MJ2

Motion Failed, 1/3/1; Ayes - EE, Nays - WLR, WER, MAC, Meena abstained.

- Motion to amend with: "Library staff will not be required but will be given the opportunity to work on Saturdays." MAC1, EE2

Motion Passed: 4/1/1; Ayes - Meena, Mac, EE, Chuck. Nays - WLR, Abstained - WER

So now the main motion reads: "Open the library on Saturdays for at least 3 but no more than 4 hours from November through June. Library staff will not be required but will be given the opportunity to work on Saturdays." Passed unanimously

This was followed immediately by a motion to adjourn. EE1, MAC2, CR2, MJ2, WER2. (The secretary was too confused to judge which second actually whizzed in first).

D. Meeting next Tues (Oct 9) to vote on proposed earmark budget?

Given the realities of drawing up the budget (getting estimates) the Trustees will likely meet Oct 16 to discuss this

E. Budget Report

F. Acting Director's Report

G. Old business

- Need STM transfer of FY07 fine money

Not discussed

H. New Business & Fundraising

Not discussed

I. Next Regular Meeting: Tues Nov 6 7pm

Interim meeting: Tues Oct 16, 7PM

Adjournment: 8:45

Wendy's collected list of items to spend grant on

Note. These are in no particular order nor are they prioritized nor are they necessarily complete. The trustees have only voted on one of them, the Saturday hours ([see above](#))

FY08 \$250,000 Earmark for the Medway Public Library
Everything must be paid for and IN HAND by June 30.

These are the items I've received (my own, too) so far. I am still awaiting estimates for many of these items, and I need to review our current budget for other items to add:

Reimburse Donations Account for FY08 purchase: \$11,400 paid as of 9/24/07
(materials plus \$900 copier contract, \$3600 NSTAR, \$400 Friday temp, \$364 Medway trashbill, \$700 MLS consultant, \$135 Bay State, \$60 Verizon)

Reimburse General Fund MLS consultant paid so far: \$630
Reimburse Tuchinsky Fund Interest Account for FY08 Minuteman bill: \$19,230
Additional MLS consulting Oct-Jun \$14,000

Upgrade Simplex Grinnell alarm service contract: \$420
(includes annual cleaning/test of all 28 smoke alarms)
Was \$715 (Feb'07-Feb08) excluding any test/maintenance/repairs -- we had to pay \$400 in Feb07 to have them come out and clean a smoke detector so it would reset during the elevator inspection test.
Total annual contract would then be \$715 + \$420 = \$1135

Copier maintenance contract \$800
HVAC maintenance contract
copy machine \$3000
Good quality vacuums (one for floors, one for edges/stairs/corners) \$1000
Weekly Storyhours Oct-June \$3000
Museum passes \$3000
repair/replace chiller in downstairs fountain

repair/replace carpet molding (edge holders) in StoryHourRoom & ColeRoomB
redo Library carpeting with last time's spares
buy more carpet for next time it needs replacing
clean ducts
replace HVAC units
replace lights/bulbs
replace Circ closet and elevator emergency light units \$700
install light in Director's closet
Install low-energy flagpole light
get spare flagpole key
re-affix stack-end signs
paint Cole Room
replace bathroom floor tiles
replace/repair broken bathroom paper holders (towels/tp; locks and spindles)
repair Story Room water infiltration damage (wall/windowsill)
cleaning service
additional hours (mornings, afternoons, evenings, Friday til 5)
Saturday hours (say open 10-2 Oct-June) \$11,000
reference collection update including items most useful for students \$20,000
school summer reading program book purchases \$1000
self-checkout station \$12,000
DVD cleaner (replacement, if ours is broken) \$300-\$700
New public PCs - \$10,000
Replacements for older Staff PC's - \$3000
Replace fax machine \$300
Replace public printer \$1000
whole-building dehumidification
book repairs
historical document preservation
Clean the Library (incl. windows, carpets, polish floors)
Paper Cutter and long arm stapler \$200
Receipt Printers \$1200
Clean/Fix Gutters
Computer System Maintenance/Enhancements (HW/SW/net)
Renew staff bottled water supplier with new hot/cold dispenser \$400
Additional/reconfigured shelves in YA & Juv. AV areas
Roof reshingling?

NOT ALLOWED:

Pay for Town-funded salaries and give back unspent Town money?
Pre-pay our membership to Minuteman
Pre-pay multiple years on subscriptions