

WAREHAM FREE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING, TUESDAY, July 13, 2010

1. Meeting called to order at 4:03 and Chaired by Johnna Fredrikson

Present: Leie Carmody

Kathleen Furler

Jack Houton

Martha Strachan

Larry McDonald

Johnna Fredrikson

Tom Wavro

Guests: Mary Nyman, Kathy Gleason,, Nora Bicki, Frank Heath,
Kerry Mello, Brenda Eckstrom, Selectman Liaison, Cyrus Moulton, Wareham Week and
Elizabeth Zaleski, Town Accountant

1a. New trustee Larry McDonald was introduced, commenting that he was delighted to be on the board and that he was looking forward to serving on the Budget Subcommittee.

1b. Marcia Griswold introduced the newly appointed Acting Director for the library, Denise Medeiros.

2. Public Comments:.

A. Kathy Gleason commented that the Friends would be holding a book sale at the Old Methodist Meeting House the 15th, 16th and 17th of July to benefit the work of the Friends.

B. A revised Memorandum of Understanding will be forthcoming from the Friends as well the MOU from the Foundation was distributed to the trustees.

There followed a discussion with a suggestion from Kerry Mello of the Foundation that the MOU's might be best understood in a forum where questions and concerns raised by the trustees could be answered and explained by members of the Friends and Foundation, the forum being the Trustees' next meeting. which would be held in the library August 10th. The Chair taking up the suggestion, offered that questions and concerns of the trustees be forwarded to her prior to the next meeting.

* By special request the Town Accountant, Elizabeth Zaleski approached the Board seeking approval of a memorandum authorizing the expenditure of \$14,072.87 from the Library Board of Trustees Gift Account. These funds were necessary for the library to meet minimum funding expenditures in accordance with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The floor was opened for discussion and questions were answered by the Town Accountant, who explained that this was an unusual situation and process. The library budget was expended and the gift from the Foundation to the Board of Trustees, allowed the trustees at their discretion to expend as they see fit. Leie Carmody moved that the Trustees approve the Memorandum as presented, motion seconded by Martha Strachan. All present voted in favor of the motion.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted with one correction. Under "New Business", c. Library Website: minutes should read: Leie Carmody has been working with the town computer manager in addressing needed changes to the library's website, she will continue

in this effort. Leie Carmody so moved, Martha Strachan seconded, all present approved the motion, except Larry McDonald who abstained.

.4. Old Business

a. By Laws: Brenda Eckstrom, the Board's liaison with the Selectmen had nothing to report regarding the pending review status. She added that the old by-laws would continue to apply in the interim. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Leie Carmody to table the elections, seconded by Jack Houton, Motion passed unanimously.

b. Search for New Director

It was clarified that the naming of Denise Medeiros as the library's Acting Director was not to imply an interim appointment.

c. Memorandums of Understanding from both the Friends and the Foundation will be reviewed at the Board's August meeting.

d. Family Day at the Library, Saturday, June 26, 2010

Proved to be an outstanding event for the library. We are particularly in debt to David Pena and John Donahue for the use of their grills.

e. Open Meeting Law update

On Thursday, July 22nd the town will present a meeting on the law, Johnna Fredrikson will attend.

5. New Business

a. Standing Committees Reports

The Planning and Development Committee continues to work industriously and at our next meeting will have more to present on 501 (c) (3).

b. Applications for Trustee positions

After a brief discussion about this issue, it was moved by Larry McDonald and seconded by Martha Strachan that applicants for Trustee positions be interviewed by the Board. Applicants will be invited to meet with the Trustee at 5:30 following the August meeting. Motion passed, Jack Houton abstained.

.6. Acting Director's Report

Having been just appointed, the AD briefly stated her pleasure in being named AD, stressing that she has some 20 years experience in library administration and that she tends to be budget conscious. She has expectations for the trustees and working with the various subcommittees of the Board.

7. Trustee Matters

a. Massachusetts Public Library Trustees Handbook is on reference in the library.

8. Public Matters: None

9. Next meeting: August 10, 2010 at 4 PM at the Wareham Free Library

10. Motion to adjourn at 5:25 by Jack Houton, seconded by Leie Carmody, passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

Tom Wavro

Minutes voted upon Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Approved / Disapproved

Johnna Fredrikson
Acting Chairperson

Tom Wavro
Secretary