

Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

Wareham Free Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Time: July 23, 2014; 5:30 pm. Wareham Free Library, 59 Marion Road

Call to order: Called to order by the Chairlady, Bethany Gay at 5:30pm.

Roll Call: Rachel K., Roger B. Bethany G., Diane O'B., Bob W., Johnna F

Library Director: Denise M.

Guests: Jim Mendes (applicant for board); Priscilla P- President of the Friends

Announcements:

Rockland trust has a summer reading program; maybe link with them next year(Bob W.)

Concert tomorrow night at library (Thursday, 7/24, 5pm)

Public Comment: None

Review of previous minutes (Tabled)

Correspondence:

MBLC letter concerning loss of override; send a letter saying that the extension did help - the amount in the override only that high because of the vote and the \$432,835 goal. Send a letter to the voting board noting that it was indeed helpful, even if not successful at this time.

Old Business:

FY15 Budget Plan

A warrant article is needed to move money from general to salaries; pay expenses out of revolving funds, keep salaries fully funded with town appropriations. See proposed and existing spreadsheets. Proposal for warrant article needed by Aug. 15 for Oct. 27 Town Meeting.

Roger B. asked about materials funding; Denise replied that as much as possible should be spent - it will be the only material available after loss of certification.

New Business:

Motion: Roger B, 2nd: Bob W—Vote to accept Jim Mendes' appointment to BOLT. (Vote: 5-0-0 to recommend Jim's appt.

Friends Lease of Spinney: A discussion of meeting with Derek S. concerning Spinney building (Roger opposed in principle to removing responsibility from town administrator - consequences of underfunded library)Trustee Funds: (see breakdown) Trustee Fund remaining balance:

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\$10,218.28. It was suggested to use remaining funds for sick/vacation coverage; perhaps it could be used to fund youth pages to restock/reshelve books in the Fall (Denise M.)

Roger B. moves that we vote to allow Denise to use trustee funds to take care of the necessary expenses for vacation and/or sick leave coverage through Labor Day. (Diane P., second)

Motion: 5-0-0.

Future of the Library: Roger suggested that the Trustees need to have a plan/discussion with Derek S. concerning the future of WFL (Roger)

RFP for EEC Early Learning Center(Bethany G). A grant proposal is due 8/1/14 to fund early learning activities at libraries; can be used for supplies, books, people (\$105,000 over three years); library needs to be open a few more hours a week to be eligible for this grant. Could be used to bring back children's programs. Funded by the State: Dept. of Early Education

Roger B. notes that loss of funding income because of shortened hours should be recorded and forwarded to Derek S. and Selectboard

Regional Library: join with Marion, etc, to form regional system and share funding? (Bethany, Denise, Roger discussion)

Directors Report

Hours for summer: Thurs/ Friday/ Saturday-- 10:30-4:30.

Hours for fall (proposed): Thursday 10:30-7pm; Friday 10:30-4:30pm; Saturday - 10:30-2pm

Report - Friends and Foundation:

Book sale 7/17=19: \$1464; \$169 in donations box

August book sale: 8/22, 8/23; set-up on 8/21

Foundation concert tomorrow; funds go to Foundation.

Trustee Matters

Date and hour of next meeting: Th. 8/28, 5:30pm

Adjournment; Motion to adjourn: Roger B, Johnna F. second 4-0-0

My appreciation to Johanna Fredrickson for taking the notes relating to this meeting.

Respectively submitted
William R. C. White
William R. C. White, Clerk

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May Ann Selby
TOWN CLERK