

Wareham Free Library

Library Board of Trustees minutes from December 18, 2014

Minutes

Wareham Free Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Time: December 18, 2014, Wareham Free Library, 59 Marion Road

Call to order: Called to order by the Chairlady, Bethany Gay at 5:01pm.

Roll Call: Roger B., Johnna F., Bethany G., Rachel K., Denise M., Jim M., Diane O'B., William R C W.

Library Director: Denise M.

Guests: Willa Dean, Mel Lazarus, Pricilla Porter, President of the Friends of the Wareham Free Library; Chris Schott, Reporter, Wareham Courier; Bill Whalen Reporter, Wareham Week; Judy Whiteside, Board of Selectmen liaison.

Announcements: SAILS Legislative Breakfast February 6, 2015, Norton Public Library, 8-10am.

Minutes: Minutes of October 16, 2014 and November 20, 2014 approved as amended.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence:

Letter to Wareham Town Administrator from Mass Board of Library Commissioners announcing the "decertification of the Wareham Free Library for the Fiscal Year 2015." Letter requested the widest distribution.

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Letter to Director, Wareham Free Library from Director, R. Hoare Library announcing that since Wareham is decertified, it will not loan books to Wareham. *LITTLETON, MA*

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(5:12PM Wendy Young, Trustee arrived.)

Letter to patrons of the J. Bourne Library from Director, J. Bourne Library indicating that they would no longer be able to receive books and materials from the Wareham Free Library since Wareham has been decertified.

Old Business:

Wareham Community Television (WCTV) continues to look at various options to obtain new quarters. Various possibilities with the WFL are back on the table for discussion. WCTV is looking at an agreement to explore educational and technical opportunities.

A private group led by Patty Wilde is working to keep the library open and is exploring ideas to raise money to that end.

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Motion made to "Invite further discussion with WCTV Board of Directors to explore possibilities for a partnership with WCTV. (Johnna, Jim) **Approved**

Considering the Future of the WFL: Although members should continue meeting with the Wareham Finance Committee, it appears that private fundraising (such as done by the group lead by Patti Wilde) has the best possibility for success.

After much discussion regarding "User Fees," it was agreed to drop this item from the agenda as it is considered to be unworkable under current staffing levels.

Bethany will continue to coordinate assistance from the Mass Board of Library Commissioners at the Jan 15 meeting and perhaps Feb 2015.

New Business: None

Directors Report: (See handout)

The MAR for Wareham will be revised downward due to a new lowered level of municipal support for FY 2015.

A revised FY 16 budget was presented by Denise M. (See handout).

Report – Friends and Foundation:

The Friends will host a mini Golf Tournament March 14 and 15, 2015. Adults only on 14th (evening) and Families on 15th 10-4. There will be plenty of cookies and other goodies available.

The Alternative School Students have provided significant labor supporting the Friends by moving books into the sales area for the book sales.

(6:12pm Kerry M., President of the Library Foundation arrived.)

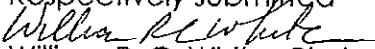
Trustee Matters:

Diane O'B presented the results of her survey of the Norton Public Library's Decertification process. (See handout)

Date and hour of next meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2015: 5pm

Adjournment; Meeting adjourned 6:35pm.

Respectively submitted


William R. C. White, Clerk

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