

Amesbury Public Library
Board of Library Trustees- Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
7:00PM

Call to Order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Dunford, Buckley, Sherwood, Sheridan, Merrill, Ward, Kimball, Pressley

Secretary's Minutes (5/12/10) accepted on a motion by Dunford, Sherwood seconded.

Budget Report (May 2010) The Director reported that we are on the home stretch now for budget season. DiTullio has finally been able to sit down with Beth in town accounting to go over the trust funds, state aid, and other expenditures to get some hard numbers for each and to reconcile them with the numbers she had in her records from last year.

Gift Report (May 2010) none

Communications (May 2010) none

Director's Report (May 2010)

Committee Reports

- A. **Preservation and Maintenance Committee Update-** Buckley said the Subcommittee is still working on acquiring estimates for possible maintenance issues that could arise in the future, and will report back at the next meeting. Members of this committee have been keeping an eye out for alternative sites in the event the library has to move operations from its current location. Ideas for alternatives were discussed with the full board.

Unfinished Business

- A. **Trustees' Summer Hiatus:** Ward asked Trustees if we would like to make our schedule more in line with that of the Municipal Council and have a meeting in July. Ward requested a special meeting on July 14th at 7pm at a location to be determined, and was unanimously supported by the Trustees in attendance. We will need to amend our bylaws in the future to reflect that we will have 11 meetings instead of 10.

New Business

- A. **Budget Hearing Update:** DiTullio noted the positive atmosphere at Budget meetings with the Finance Committee last week when they voted to level-fund the budget. On June 22nd. The budget will be voted on by the council. Ward will email people to keep people apprised of the budget's status.
- B. **Trustees' Scheduled Meeting Day:** Pressley notified the Board that his work schedule has changed, and asked other Trustees to consider changing the day of the

meeting. In addition, Pressley will take a look at his schedule for the next year to determine if Thursdays would allow him to attend more meetings overall.

C. Schedule Friends' Meeting Representatives through December 2010:

October 4: Phil Merrill

November 1: Johanna Kimball

December 6: Laura Buckley

- D. Board of Trustees Bylaw Review:** Our Bylaws say that we can remove Board members who don't show up to meetings, but the Town Charter says nothing to that effect. Ward said that Bonnijo is looking into how this issue is handled in other municipalities. The Board decided to wait to make any changes to our bylaws until we know more.

Other:

Reminder: September Friends' Meeting (9/13) Rep. is Jane Ward

Adjourn at 8:18pm on a motion by Buckley, Dunford seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Hoyt Kimball
6/24/2010