Amesbury Public Library Board of Trustees

Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Members Present: Gail Browne – Chair (GB), Stephen Dunford (SD), Mary Dunford (MD), Brenda Rich (BR), James Sullivan (JS), Roger Deschenes (RD), Bethany Sullivan (BS), Martha Jameson (MJ)

Absent: Rebecca Jordan

APL Assistant Director: Kim Butler

In attendance: Michaela Pelletier, head of circulation

I. Call to Order (by GB): 7:05pm

II. Secretary’s Minutes (December 2015)
Amendment: GB’s Long-Range Planning report was from an update by the archivist.
MD motioned to accept minutes with amendment to committee report, SD seconded. Vote unanimous.

III. Budget Report (deferred to next month in Erin Matlin’s absence)

IV. Communications
Phillips Academy public forum
Mail re: library legislative breakfasts
Read Across America set for March 2

V. Director’s Report (posted separately)
Capital Improvement request approved for new AC units.
Kim reported that the library lost heat in 2/8 storm.
New digital thermostat installed. Alerts if temperature falls below 55 degrees.
Theo thinks the library’s older server might be failing.
Library closed early Friday, Feb. 5 and Monday, Feb. 8.
Snow removal outsourcing has been great.

VI. Committee Reports
None. Bethany and Martha will be assigned committees next meeting.

VII. Unfinished Business
A. Out-of-State Library Cards
Discussion of policy wording.
Michaela Pelletier reported to the board that the Groveland decertification was not the main impetus behind the out-of-state policy change. Michaela researched NH fees, which average $60-70 for town library privileges only (no consortium), $200 in Dover.
1.5% of Amesbury resident tax bill goes to library. According to the assessor: $98 avg.
SD motioned to abolish the out-of-state network library card, striking section 4 from the policy. No second. Motion died.
JS motioned to keep revised policy as worded, with a $75 fee for eligible out-of-state residents. BR seconded. Vote passed 4-1.

VIII. New Business
GB will find out about new budget.

IX. Other
None.

X. Adjourn 8:05 – MD moved to adjourn, SD seconded. Vote unanimous.