

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.