

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of the Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Meeting
James White Memorial Library, East Freetown, Mass.



- Present:** Irene Ashley, Mike McCue, Christine Paiva, Lucille Rosa, and Joe Zinn.
- Absent:** Vince Kyne.
- Guests:** Dorothy Stanley-Ballard (Library Director).
- Call to order:** Chairman Lucille Rosa called the meeting to order at 7:07p.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 21st were received and approved with minor amendments.

Furnace (White Library)

Trustees signed a bill for \$900 for repairs to the furnace, paid from the trust funds. This was the reduced amount negotiated by Jack Healey after we were billed high amounts for repairs that were inadequate. The furnace is functioning but is still not as it should be.

Windows (Hathaway Library)

This project is moving along, but there is nothing significant to report.

Library Design & Planning Report

Mrs. Rosa reported that the Planning Committee meets almost every week and is currently rewriting some older documents to be up to date. They are also looking for additional committeemen who are not members of the Library Trustees. They are hoping to get people from both sides of town who are interested. Mrs. Rosa also reported that the committee had met with Rosemary Waltos, who recommended that the Planning Committee be made up of about seven people.

The idea of an "Express Library" was discussed. Mr. Rosa explained that many towns are adopting this system, and that it would be ideal for the Hathaway Library. These libraries have very limited hours and a small on-site collection, and focus primarily on drop-off and delivery. Essentially, people from Assonet who object to losing a village library could still receive service in the village. Mrs. Ashley has seen this in the Carolinas and it seemed to be popular there. Mrs. Rosa said this idea would benefit further from the extension of a sewer line into the Four Corners area. Mrs. Paiva asked who would decide to use the building as an "Express Library", and Mrs. Rosa stated this would be a decision of the Library Trustees and not the Planning Committee, though the Planning Committee could study it among their other work. This idea will be revisited at future Trustees meetings.

It was agreed to postpone the Long Range Plan until the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. McCue, seconded by Mrs. Paiva, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55p.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Secretary