

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of the Friday, February 20, 2015 Meeting
James White Memorial Library, East Freetown, Mass.

Present: Irene Ashley, Vince Kyne, Mike McCue, Lucille Rosa, and Joe Zinni.

Absent: Christine Paiva.

Also Present: Dorothy Stanley-Ballard.

Call to order: Chairman Lucille Rosa called the meeting to order at 7:00p.

Approval of Minutes, Review of Payroll, Signing of Bills

Minutes of November and December were reviewed and adopted with minor corrections. Bills and payroll were reviewed, and it was noted that trustees no longer have to sign bills or the payroll.

Library Director's Report

Mrs. Stanley-Ballard reported on the recurring problems with the furnace at the White Library. The furnace has failed multiple times over the winter, and the service and repair bills have been mounting with little to show for the money spent (approximately \$2,200). She planned to meet with Jack Healey, town administrator, the following Tuesday to review the charges and see if the service outfit would consider reducing the charges seeing as though their work was not lasting. Estimates were obtained from two outfits for replacing the system, the current firm estimating about \$5,700 and the firm that replaced the Hathaway Library furnace estimating about \$1,500 less. It was noted that one of the trust funds might be able to pay toward this issue.

Also reported out was the FY16 budget, which provided an increase of approximately \$1,431. This was to cover the increase mandated by the Board of Library Commissioners to maintain certification. Kim Fales, town accountant, provided assistance with allocating the salary money used for covering vacations, extra weeding time, etc., and Mrs. Stanley-Ballard expressed gratitude for that help.

Library Design and Planning Report

Mrs. Rosa reported that she has been named to the town's Building Committee.

Old Business

Since there is still several feet of snow on the ground, the windows for the Hathaway Library will be put out to bid in March.

Other Business

Mrs. Ashley and Mrs. Rosa both stated that they would be write-in candidates in the April election since they had not returned their nomination papers.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Ashley, seconded by Mr. Kyne, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:52p.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue
Michael T. McCue, Secretary

