Freetown Board of Library Trustees

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 15, 2015 Meeting James White Memorial Library, East Freetown, Mass.

Present:

Irene Ashley, Mike McCue, Christine Paiva, Lucille Rosa, and Joe Zinni.

Absent:

Vince Kyne.

Guests:

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard (Library Director).

Call to order:

Chairman Lucille Rosa called the meeting to order at 7:02p.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 19th and June 16th were received and approved.

Library Director's Report

Mrs. Stanley-Ballard reported on prices received for work on the furnace at the White Library. Motion was made by Mrs. Ashley, seconded by Mrs. Paiva, to use Wilkinson Oil again. Mrs. Rosa, Mr. Zinni, and Mrs. Ashley all felt that Wilkinson had done fine work at the Hathaway Library previously. The vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Weeding continued throughout the summer at both libraries. SAILS training for Commonwealth eBook was held the week before the meeting.

Library Design & Planning Report

Mrs. Rosa reported that Paul Lubin and Mike Motta have re-joined the Planning Committee, and that Paula Rose was interested in joining, also.

Old Business

Mrs. Rosa discussed the Long-Range Plan and stated that the state standard is no longer two square feet per person. Updates to the Plan going forward should reflect this change. Adoption of the updated Plan was put on hold until October.

The question of staffing was raised, and discussion was held on whether the libraries should return to a staff of four (Director + 3). Mrs. Stanley-Ballard felt that yes, the libraries should go back to full staffing. Mr. McCue noted that other departments have had their staffing restored from the recession, such as the town hall now having at least one floating clerk again. Consensus was to support including an additional librarian in the FY17 budget to restore full staffing.

Any Other Business Properly to Come Before the Board

None.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Paiva, seconded by Mr. McCue, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20p.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest

Michael T. McCue, Secretary

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