

**Freetown Board of Library Trustees**  
Minutes of the Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Meeting  
James White Memorial Library, East Freetown, Mass.

**Present:** Vince Kyne, Mike McCue (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Christine Paiva, Lucille Rosa, and Joe Zinni.

**Absent:** Irene Ashley.

**Call to order:** Chairman Lucille Rosa called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of January 19th were not available.

**Library Director's Report**

Mrs. Stanley-Ballard was not present. Bills and payroll were reviewed on the printed reports.

**Library Design & Planning Report**

Mrs. Rosa reported on the Planning Committee's meetings and activities. The Planning Committee is aiming to meet deadlines to apply for a grant available in January of 2017 toward construction. Part of that process is for the Library Trustees to discuss and approve the library building program. The state is now offering about 45% reimbursement toward construction.

Highlights of the discussion included further information on "maker spaces", the intent of having community rooms of one type or another, and other features of a potential new library. Positive comments were reviewed about the library at the Dartmouth Middle School, which was noted to be larger than the White Library. Mr. Zinni stated that state library representatives were acutely aware of the condition of the libraries in town, particularly the fact that the Hathaway Library has no running water.

A motion was made by Mr. Zinni, seconded by Mrs. Paiva, to approve and submit the draft plan of the library building program. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Discussion on policies was put on hold until Mrs. Ashley could be present.

**New Business**

Mrs. Rosa indicated that the MBLC is asking trustees and other interested persons to contact their state representatives to request more funding for the MBLC budget. Reductions in technology and state aid programs were noted.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. McCue, seconded by Mr. Kyne, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:57p.

This is a True Record by me.

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

