

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of the Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Meeting
James White Memorial Library, East Freetown, Mass.

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

Absent: Vince Kyne.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 19th and February 16th were received and approved.

Library Director's Report

Mrs. Stanley-Ballard reported having issues with the town's new oil company, Peterson Oil out of the Worcester area. They have been giving her a hard time about delivering to the Hathaway Library, adopting an attitude and claiming that it's not worth their time and expense to come out and deliver to just that building when it's needed. Trustees felt that if the oil company doesn't think it's worth their time to service the library, they shouldn't bid for the town's oil contract. Any further issues will be taken up with Jack Healey.

Mrs. Stanley-Ballard and Mrs. Rosa together reported on the budget meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. The library budget was supported by both boards, including the additional librarian for ten hours per week. Mrs. Stanley-Ballard said when the new person is hired, the Hathaway Library will reopen on Wednesday evenings from 3-7, and additional coverage will be had at the White Library.

It was noted that circulation statistics no longer include loans to and from Wareham; because Wareham is a decertified library, their statistics are not included.

Upcoming programs in the libraries will include:

- Davis Bates on April 7th at 6:00 p.m. with a music program
- Story Hour will resume on April 14th at 1:00 p.m.
- John Root on May 12th with "Edible Vegetation"
- Ed the Wizard in July, date to be determined

Library Design & Planning Report

Mrs. Rosa reported discussing the building program with Rosemary Waltos. Ms. Waltos recommended some changes, and this will be reviewed in the future. Mrs. Rosa will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss progress and needs for this project.

Old Business

Discussion on policies was continued to the next meeting.

New Business

No new business was raised.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Zinni, seconded by Mrs. Paiva, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40p.

This is a True Record by me.

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