

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of the Tuesday, June 18, 2013 Meeting
James White Memorial Library, East Freetown, Mass.

Present: Irene Ashley, Vince Kyne, Mike McCue, Lucille Rosa, and Dick Spencer.

Absent: Christine Paiva.

Also Present: Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, Library Director.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 21st were received and approved as read.

Review Payroll and Sign Bills

Payroll for May 2013 was reviewed. Bills were reviewed and signed as needed.

Library Director's Report

SAILS has arranged for a domain name to point to the library websites they set up. The domain, freetownpubliclibraries.org, was purchased through GoDaddy and will cost \$56.00 total for five years. The trustees expressed their appreciation for this being done at minimal cost.

Cheryl Belliveau was recognized at the Board of Selectmen meeting on June 17th in anticipation of her retirement on June 30th. The selectmen presented Mrs. Belliveau with a plaque in recognition of her nearly twenty-five years' service to the libraries.

The New Bedford Regional Local Consumer Program will be presenting a seminar at the James White Library on August 6th at 7:00 p.m. The topic of the seminar will be identity theft.

Weeding of materials has continued at the Hathaway Library.

Library Design and Planning Report

Mrs. Rosa anticipates the committee becoming more active in the latter quarter of 2013.

Old Business

Mrs. Rosa provided copies of the new roster of contact information for the trustees, director, and town offices.

Mrs. Stanley-Ballard reported that the Board of Selectmen granted her a 2.5% raise to make up for her exclusion from the last round of raises. The trustees were pleased that this had been rectified.

Mr. McCue reported that the Hathaway Library was scheduled to be power-washed toward the end of the week, and that the prisoners from the House of Correction in North Dartmouth were expected to paint the building on Monday, June 24th. Mrs. Stanley-Ballard requested that the trustees close the Hathaway Library on that day. A motion was made by Mr. McCue, seconded by Mr. Kyne, to close the Hathaway Library on Monday, June 24th, due to the painting work. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Discussion was held on the condition of the book drop at the White Library. It is badly rotted and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Mrs. Stanley-Ballard had requested the Friends of the Library to fund the purchase of a new drop at an estimated \$1800.00. The Friends countered with an offer to secure a surplus mailbox from the Postal Service. Consensus was that this would not be large enough to handle the volume of

returns at the White Library. Mrs. Ashley felt the offer should be declined and the Friends should be asked to reconsider. Mr. Kyne asked about adding a drop into the building, but there was not adequate space. Mr. McCue suggested that if the Friends would not purchase the \$1800 model, that the Finance Committee be asked for a transfer to cover the cost as it is an immediate need. A motion was made by Mrs. Ashley, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to authorize the Library Director to purchase a book drop for around \$1800.00 to be paid for however possible. Mr. McCue asked if the book drop at the Hathaway Library should also be replaced. Mrs. Stanley-Ballard felt that it could wait and suggested seeing how the drop at the White Library comes out. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Ashley, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07p.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue