

MINUTES: Board of Library Trustees

Merrick Public Library

Attendance: Sally Brown, Linda Barron, Barbara Clancy, Jean Dahler, Barbara Steadman, Brenda Metterville. Matthew Bansfield.

April 14, 2008

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Called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Public Comments: to 7:05 p.m. There were none.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Review minutes from March 11, 2008, 7:05 p.m.: Discuss, edit, motion, approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brenda presented the library patron survey. We will use for Long Range Plan and Master Plan Committee Brenda will send a scan to blog. A copy will be given to BOS with minutes.

Budget: We reviewed our budget. 3 % was added to payroll. Brenda suggested a \$500 Expense cut to comply with a request from the BOS and Advisory Board for all departments to review expenses and cut 5% if possible. This cut does not impact our required 20% mandatory amount for our Book Budget. This information was due by April 9 in order for the Warrant to be printed by deadline.

We discussed the pros and cons of buying 4 Lincoln Street vs. moving to the Town Hall. Linda made a motion we form a Library Building committee to explore the options of enlarging the existing building. Included in her motion was the suggestion we solicit benefactors. Barbara S. seconded this and we were all in favor.

Reviewed Reciprocal Borrowing Privileges Policy. Citizens of de-certified libraries are denied borrowing privileges. (Spencer may be an issue). They may use the library, but cannot check out materials.

Reviewed Unattended Child Policy. We tabled this until May.

NEW BUSINESS:

Another roof repair needed. On April 10th a leak was discovered through the wood ceiling above the mantel (fireplace) Two books damaged. Repair estimate is \$500 (State Aid). The roofers also replaced the ornate terra cotta which had fallen off in a snow slide last year. And they did seal several areas along the gutter (for leak in bat room). It was also noted the hole in the cornice at the rear of the building now has a gray squirrel living in and hole has grown. Brenda called Eileen Vitello, April 10 for advice on removal (no response).

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animal control aff.)

Barbara S. Made a motion we take the above from State Aid. Sally seconded and all voted in favor.

We discussed the impact on our Department regarding 40B development. Notes from staff meeting MEMO, from BOS March 25, 2008

Master Plan Committee to meet Thursday, April 17 at 6:30. Brenda would like to participate and be part of the towns planning process. RE: Town Hall and Library connection for second and third floor to become mainly library space: 2 Lincoln Street, Historic and Genealogical Research and quiet study. Museum, program presentations.

Friends purchased new large pillows for children programs. Programs upcoming Soldiers and Civilians during the Civil War, Thursday, April 24 6:00 to 8:00. Bob Wilder, Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. all funded by the Friends. Silent auction is during the month of May and will be set up in the foyer April 29.

Author visits in May, Timothy Sykes, An American Hedge Fund Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.

John Jeppson, Making hay, Thursday, May 29, 7:00 p.m.

Bike Helmet giveaway with Police Department, here Tuesday May 6, 4:30 with Sgt. Chris Welch. Funded by the Jeppson Grant.

Community Club Quilt will ^{be} sent out to be quilted by ^{Gray} ~~April~~ 28.

Matthew is looking into fire alarm system. It would ^{be} a wired system.

MEMO'S:

BOS	March 25, 2008	Proposed 40B Development
BOS/Advisory Board	April 3, 2008	Fiscal 09 Budget Cuts
DCR	April 10, 2008	Rec'd parks Pass for free parking in State Parks for our patrons
DCR	April 9, 2008	Rec'd Heritage land preservation handouts

Adjourn 8:00 p.m. Next meeting, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Clancy
Secretary