

Dedham Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Main Library @ 7:30

Attendees: Robert Desmond, Rebecca Peluso, Michael Chalifoux, Joseph D'Amico, Patricia Lambert, Margot Wereta, Gloria Reinhart. Diane Bauer, Cecilia Butler, Steve Peluso, Kate Martin, Amber Socci, and Karen Gadd

Reorganization of the Board:

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the decision was made to postpone the election of a new Chairman to the next meeting.

Vice Chair: Rebecca Peluso by unanimous vote

Secretary: Mike Chalifoux by unanimous vote

Public input: Ms Reinhart congratulated Mr. D'Amico and Mr. Chalifoux on their elections to the Board.

Minutes: Mr. Desmond moved to accept the March minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chalifoux and passed unanimously.

Financial report: Mr. Desmond moved to accept the financial report. It was seconded by Mr. Chalifoux and passed unanimously.

Director's report: Attached.

Old Business:

- a. Retirement Gift.
Ms. Lambert will check if Trust Fund monies may be used for this purpose.
- b. Page budget for the remainder of this fiscal year.
One page has resigned, there are 5 pages remaining. There are sufficient funds for them through July. There is a shortfall of \$749.05 to cover costs for keeping the Main Library open on Sundays through May. Ms Lambert proposed using State Aid funds to cover this. Ms Peluso moved to accept this. It was seconded by Mr. Desmond and passed unanimously.
- c. Capital Expenditures.
Mr. Desmond asked if the \$21,000 for restriping the parking lot has been referred back to the Town so that it could be used to restripe the Endicott parking area. Ms Lambert stated that it had and is going back to the town meeting.
- d. Director contract negotiations. A draft contract has been prepared by the Town Labor Council. The previous chair has the information and it is not available to the board at this time. Mr. D'Amico and Ms Peluso will meet with Ms Lambert to discuss her contract.

New Business:

Digitizing documents. Ms. Lambert is proceeding with the digitization project and is discussing with other town agencies how documents are scanned and stored. She will be meeting with the Historical Society shortly. She is advocating the Library as a Knowledge Center.

Nomination of Librarian (Director) and Book committee. Mr. Chalifoux nominated that Ms Lambert be appointed Director and be responsible for selection of books. The motion was seconded by Ms Peluso and passed unanimously.

Nomination of Finance committee. Mr. Chalifoux nominated that all members of the Board be appointed members of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms, Peluso and passed unanimously.

Trees at Endicott. There are two trees very close to the building at Endicott. Last year it was desired that one, believed dead, tree be removed. The town tree warden refused permission to remove the tree. There are no signs of leaves on the tree and it will be watched over the next months to see if it is indeed dead.

The Trustees set Monday, May 17, at the Endicott Branch at 7:30 for their next meeting. Mr. D'Amico moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. It was seconded by Ms. Peluso and passed unanimously. {added – that meeting date conflicted with town meeting and was changed to Tuesday, May 18th at the Main Library}

Respectfully submitted by Michael Chalifoux, Secretary



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Main Library

- I would like to congratulate Mike Chalifoux. Welcome
- The staff has completed their online ethics training and have received certificates. Copies of these certificates are in their personnel file
- March 17, 2010 Men's room overflowed with sewage. The custodian called Atlantic Drain. Their consensus was a combination of too much rain and the roots of the trees.
- April 21 will be a busy night here. The Friends are sponsoring a Mystery Author Night; Dedham turnofftv folks are presenting a Family Game Night and Mike is having a computer class!