



Beaman Memorial Public Library
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BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING

October 2, 2007

PRESENT: Louise Howland, Irene Woods, Whit Barnard, Pauline McCormick, Elizabeth Witkowicz, Sue Bream

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following correction: “the monetary proceeds from the recent bandstand concert were donated to the library.”

Louise discussed the budget outlook and the waiver application process. At present there are 65 waivers available and the MBLC is fairly confident that number will be sufficient for this year. Our request for \$14,000 was tabled by the Selectmen; town departments are to “live within our budget.” Louise will present our need for the waiver at the Town Meeting; she wants people to think of what’s best for the town. She may discuss the effect of budgetary constraints on the library but will emphasize that the library will work within those parameters to provide optimum service to the community.

The air conditioning is still on for fear of mildew/mold due to humid weather. 7 new volunteers have signed up in September. The long-range library plan is still in the draft stage; the LRP committee will meet again in November.

Louise reviewed the Building Projects for FY2008; due to the budget a number of projects have had to be placed on hold.

It was M/S/P that Louise will submit the library reports to the Selectmen.

Louise is interviewing candidates for the janitorial position.

Virginia Pulitzer has been hired for 9 hours/week.

Louise has signed contracts for 2 grants and discussed the added workloads/benefits for the library.

It was M/S/P to accept the Wireless Access Policy. The library will offer wireless Internet access via a cable modem and a wireless router but assumes no responsibility for certain consequences (i.e. viruses, intercepted transmissions, damage to or theft of equipment.)

The schedule for 2008 holidays was accepted.

Tom Dolan, despite several attempts, was unable to secure funding for this printing of the newsletter from Ace Hardware.

The Board voiced enthusiasm in support of a patron’s suggestion for a coffee cart but further discussion will be necessary as to cost, placement, timing, etc.

A patron requested that a sign be placed near the street with the library hours posted on it; the Board, after much discussion, asked Louise to check as to the cost of said sign. Hours of operation are printed on bookmarks at the desk, in the newsletter, on the Website, via phone, and other places.



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Louise brought up the possibility of moving the local station Channel 11 to the library d/t current conditions at the Mixer. (This move has not yet been approved by the directors of Channel 11). It could potentially be placed in the Tech Services Room and would be insured under the town's umbrella policy. The Board authorized Louise to talk to the Channel 11 board re: the situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bream, Temporary Secretary