

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 28 May , 2013

Attendance: Chairman J. Ayer, J.D. Carter, E. Jenkins, O. Kurnyk-Ezis , B. Lacey, P. Zizka.

Absent: L. Lambert

Chairman Judd Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was made (Elsie) and seconded (Barbara) to accept the April minutes. All were in favor and motion carried.

Citizens and delegations (Public Comment): No citizens or delegations. The “Friends” meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:15 P.M.

Reports:

1. The library is down one staff member for the month of May.
2. World book night went well.
3. Ten people came for the session with Bob Steele. He had a discussion with them.
4. Barbara offered kudos for the Library being on track with spending.

Old Business:

1. Comments on Long Range/Strategic Plan – Judd referred to page 2 (Library Facilities) and mentioned that the Library has no dedicated parking places for patrons. It is important to keep the needs of the Library in front of town officials. The staff should have dedicated parking places. Drusilla pointed out that her revisions to the plan are more general and “open-ended”.

2. The Mission Statement becomes more important when applying for grants. It shows HOW we fulfill our mission as a library.

3. Changed some wording on “Goals and Objectives” page. (a) “The library building AS CURRENTLY CONFIGURED, is inadequate for use and does not allow...”. (addition in caps.) (b) “Actively pursue the facilities use plan”. Remove “facilities use” and replace with “master” – to read, “Actively pursue the master plan”.

4. The Board agreed to pass the Plan on to the Staff.

New Business:

1. The Board has been invited to a Lawn Party at South Windham’s Guilford Smith Library on Friday, June 7, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

2. The Guilford Smith Library will join us on Saturday, 22 June, 2013 for “Truck Day”.

3. Town’s Capital Project list. The Library, which was not on the original list, is now on the list for one million dollars which is twice what was originally proposed. The money is to implement the Master Plan.

4. The Altrutha Organization will give the Library \$1,000.00

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Judd Ayer at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted 24 June, 2013

Pete Zizka, Board Secretary
