

Abington Public Library
Board of Trustees
February 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Henry DiCarlo. Present were Betty Henderson, Gail Bergin, Will Adamczyk, Gerry Haas, Laura Nuttall, Christina McMahon, and Acting Director Deborah Grimmatt. There were no visitors.

Motion: To approve the minutes of 1/10/11 as amended was made by Christina, seconded by Laura, and approved with one abstention.

The Chairman read a letter from 1Lt. Matt Johnson thanking the library for its support of the soldiers stationed overseas. Abington received a waiver from the Board of Library Commissioners and is certified for FY2011. The first payment of state aid in the amount of \$6,818.91 should come to the Treasurer's Office in a few weeks and the second payment will be sent by the last quarter of 2011. The money awarded to Abington was reduced by 12% due to partial compliance with the minimum standards.

The Acting Director will file an application to be approved to get software for upgrade app software on all the public computers. The Board will spend some money on computer software. The budgets are on track, except magazines are a little behind because of vendor problems. We will try a new service this year for periodicals. Abington is hosting many network meetings this year which has reduced travel expenses. Money will soon be needed for building issues and repairs.

E-books are gaining in popularity as many Abington residents are using them. The circulation is about the same/hour. Saturdays in February have been very busy with February 5th seeing more than 550 items circulated in a five and one-half hour day. (500 items in a ten-hour day is considered busy.) Some patrons could not get help and left the library which raises a concern over the quality of service we can provide. Website hits are up.

Story hours will begin in March. Beverly Alexandre said the Anderson Foundation will fund some programs. The Friends of the Library voted \$1800 to fund the summer reading program. They plan to run a bus trip to Blithewold in Bristol, RI. The Friends will offer a pass to the Pawtucket Red Sox for open seating for 63-65 home games, and people will pay \$18 for up to six people.

The Legislative Breakfast will be held Tuesday, March 1 at the Plymouth Public Library. There will be a low-key volunteer recognition on Wednesday March 30 from 3-4:30pm. Funding will be discussed in March. The jar has raised \$1958 so far.

The water faucets in the sinks in the ladies' room were dripping and have been replaced. If other faucets need repair we will replace them. Deb will contact the town manager about filing an insurance claim for the portico ceiling. Moberg cleared the roof of ice dams and suggested adding heat cables (\$2800-4000). The Abington Fire Department does not have the APL on its list of town buildings with roofs in danger of collapse. The roof needs to be inspected when it is dry and the town may have to consider

replacing the roof within a few years. Deb will ask the Town Manager about adding the item to the list of capital improvements.

The Teens/Tweens group is growing. They have planned a movie night for February 22 at 7pm. This night is aimed at middle school age and older as they are showing "Despicable Me." The group is planning a movie for younger children at a later date.

There was discussion about the preliminary budget of \$410,522.82. This is still less than the FY2012 municipal requirement budget so we will again need a waiver. Colonial Cleaning will now be separated from the consultant line item. Books and materials will go up and salaries will rise. The Town Manager is asking for a level service budget to be submitted. (Christina left at 8:10pm)

Motion: To approve the draft budget as presented by Deb with the changes as discussed was made by Will, seconded by Gerry, and approved unanimously.

The Trustees are united in pursuing the position of Children's Librarian. (Gail left at 8:30.) The Town Report was read and a few changes were suggested.

Motion: To approve the 2010 Town Report was made by Laura, seconded by Will and approved unanimously.

Motion: To resubmit the revolving fund articles as drafted was made by Laura, seconded by Betty, and approved unanimously.

The Brockton Area ARC is offering a teacher-training program in May from 8:30-10am. There was discussion about waiving the fee as Deb could shift staff to cover the early hour.

Motion: To make an exception to the Meeting Room Policy and waive the fee was made by Gerry, seconded by Laura, and passed unanimously.

The next meeting date is March 14 at 7pm.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:55 was made by Gerry, seconded by Laura, and approved unanimously.