

Abington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018

Called to Order: 6:33 pm

Attendees: Henry DiCarlo, Chairman
Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman
Laura Nuttall, Recording Secretary
Gail Bergin
Mary Gillis
Gerry Haas
Barbara McLaughlin
Carrie Murray
Deborah Grimmatt, Library Director

Absent: Jake O'Neill

Reorganization of the Board:

Library Director Deb Grimmatt conducted the meeting during the reorganization of the board.

MOTION to elect Henry DiCarlo as Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees was made by Betty, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously with one abstention.

MOTION to elect Betty Henderson as Vice Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees was made by Carrie, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously with one abstention.

MOTION to elect Laura Nuttall as Recording Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees was made by Gail, seconded by Mary and accepted unanimously.

Minutes for the Board meeting held on April 9, 2018 were reviewed by the board.

MOTION to approve the April 9, 2018 minutes was made by Betty, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously with one abstention.

Chairman's Report

-Rosie Walls, President of the Friends of the Library passed away on April 25, 2018. She will be terribly missed by her friends and family, especially her Library Family. The Board of Trustees along with the Friends of the Library are going to do something in her memory.

Organization of Sub-committees

- A. Budget-currently Henry, Mary and Carrie
- B. Payroll-currently Betty and Henry
- C. Personnel-currently Betty, Gail and Barbara
- D. Voucher-currently Carrie, Gail, Mary, Laura, Barbara and Gerry

MOTION to keep all the Sub-committee members the same was made by Gerry, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously with one abstention.

Special and Annual Town Meeting Articles and Budget

-A Level Service Budget is being voted on tonight at Town Meeting. This Budget is about \$6,000 over the MAR. Also, the Library contract should be settled tonight. The Library staff will be getting raises that amount to about \$4,000.

-One of the Articles at Town Meeting is the Capital Plan. In the Capital Plan, some of the money has been set aside to drop the power lines underground on Gliniewicz Way and to pave the parking lot for the Library and Town Hall.

MOTION to support the Capital Plan Article at the Town Meeting was made by Carrie, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.

Building Issues

-The procurement process for the new compressors is complete. Automatic Temperature Controls, Inc. from Cranston, RI will begin installing the new compressors on Tuesday. The cost of the project will be under \$30,000.

Library Director's Report

-The Friends of the Library just held their elections and Patty Condon is the President and Cheryl D'Antonio is the Vice-President.

-Deb has received about \$1,000 in donations which will be used with State Aid to purchase four new tables for the Copeland Room.

Old Business

-Nothing to report.

New Business

-Waive fines for Summer Reading Kickoff-MOTION to waive fines up to \$20.00 on June 21, 2018 was made by Gail, seconded by Mary and accepted unanimously.

-Library Closing time on Saturday, June 9-Saturday, June 9 is Founders Day in Abington and there will be lots of activities around town including fireworks in the evening. Deb would like to close the Library early. **The consensus of the Board is to allow Deb to make the decision to close the Library early on June 9 if she feels it is necessary.**

Next Meeting:

June 11, 2018 at 7:00pm

July 16, 2018 at 7:00pm

Sept. 10, 2018 at 7:00pm

MOTION to recess to Town Meeting at 6:53 was made by Carrie, seconded by Gerry and accepted unanimously.