

**Abington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees**

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

Called to Order 7:00pm

Attendees: Henry DiCarlo, Chair

Gail Bergin, Vice Chair

Carrie Murray, Secretary

Laura Brink

Mary Gillis

Gerry Haas

Barbara McLaughlin

Jake O'Neill

Deborah Grimmett, Library Director

Absent: Sue Crowley

Reorganization of the Board

For reorganization purposes the Library Director called the meeting to order and entertained motions for Chair.

MOTION to approve the nomination of Henry as the Chair was made by Gail, seconded by Jake and accepted unanimously.

The Chair took control of the meeting.

MOTION to approve the nomination of Gail as the Vice Chair was made by Mary, seconded by Laura and accepted unanimously.

MOTION to approve nomination of Carrie as the secretary was made by Gerry, seconded by Barbara and accepted unanimously.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2024 were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION to approve the April 1, 2024 minutes was made by Carrie, seconded by Mary and accepted unanimously with Gerry abstaining.

Chairman's Report

- Congratulations to all the trustees who got re-elected.

Library Director's Report

- **Monthly Financial and Statistical Reports:** We are where we expected to be at this time of year. The circulation stats are phenomenal. We are up since last year at this time. Digital has also gone up. Many museum passes are now digital on demand passes.
- **Friends Update:** Thank you to everyone who baked and helped with The Book and Bake Sale. It was a great success and \$1165 was made.
- **OCNL Update:** Things are good. The Strategic Planning Committee is nearing completion.
- **Programming Update:** Craft night has returned. Next one is scheduled in June. Popular Fiction is going well, and new members are joining.

Building Issues

Boiler Integration with BAS (Building Automation System): The integration went well. The boilers are communicating and the baseboard heat in the main space (in front of the big window) Copeland Room are all fixed.

- **Hot Water Heater Issues:** The threshold of the door is now fixed so the pilot is staying on. The issue has been fixed.
- **Building Alarm:** It's working and everything is fine. It can be accessed remotely.
- **Roof:** The shingles on roof have been looked at and GAF (the roofing manufacturer) feels that issue is there is inappropriate venting. We have a mole run issue. It will go back to the building/contractor and the manufacturer. We are waiting to hear back.
The leaking from the roof seems to have stopped based on work by MDM (the contractor) on April 13.
- **Other:** Our deep clean will happen in July.
The snow melt system – we found that the circuit breaker was not working. It now is back on and working.

Current Library Issues

- Civic Hub LSTA Grant Update: The grant is going well. We hope to get it done by September. Senator Keenen and Representative Sullivan-Almeida are coming on Thursday.
- Town Wage and Classification Study: We are waiting to hear about any updates.
- Summer Reading Program: National Theme of Read, Renew, Repeat. Lots of swag. Kickoff Thursday June 20th 1-3pm.

Old Business

- Other: The overdue Chromebook is still overdue. We are pursuing it.

New Business

- “Library Clue” - Monthly Reader Engagement Passive Programming: We are doing monthly passive programming since February. The game is similar to Clue. The program is going well.
- Summer StoryWalk: The walk should go up after Memorial Day. The book is “Seeds of Change” by Nina Laden.
- Policy on Not Lending to Residents of Municipalities with Decertified Libraries Review: Reviewed the policy.

MOTION to reaffirm the Not Lending to Residents of Municipalities with Decertified Libraries Policy was made by Gail, seconded by Barbara and accepted by almost all, opposed by Jake.

- FY23 & FY24 State Aid Spending: Reviewed State Aid reports. We got a final report for Fiscal Year 2023. We reviewed FY24 spending through March 31st. We are in good shape.
- FY23 Trust Fund Summary: Reviewed Trust Fund report for FY’23.
- End of FY24 Finances: On track for FY’24.
- Other: The Day Lily Sale is scheduled for July 13th.

Next Meetings: June 10th at 7:00pm, July 8th at 7:00pm, September 9th at 7:00pm.

Motion to recess 8:36pm was made by Gerry, seconded by Carrie and accepted unanimously.