

Abington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes May 20, 2019 Called to Order: 6:35pm

Attendees: Henry DiCarlo, Chairman

 Laura Nuttall, Recording Secretary

 Mary Gillis

 Gerry Haas

 Carrie Murray

 Jake O'Neill

 Deborah Grimmett, Library Director

Absent: Gail Bergin

 Betty Henderson

 Barbara McLaughlin

State Representative Allyson Sullivan stopped in to say hello at the start of the meeting.

Library Director Deb Grimmett conducted the reorganization of the Board.

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

MOTION to elect Betty Henderson as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees was made by Mary, seconded by Jake and accepted unanimously.

MOTION to elect Laura Nuttall as Recording Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees was made by Jake, seconded by Carrie and accepted unanimously with one abstention.

Minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2019 were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes was made by Gerry, seconded by Carrie and accepted unanimously with two abstentions.

Chairman's Report

-Nothing major going on tonight at Town Meeting that should impact the Library. The dedication of the print of Rosie Walls was very well attended and a nice tribute to Rosie. Deb has been notified that the Library will be receiving a donation in memory of Cracker and Joan Donovan. She will update the Board when she gets more information.

Special and Annual Town Meeting Articles and Budget

-The Library Budget is good as long as what is recommended is adopted. Sarah's salary is fully funded and all the salaries have been adjusted for their raises.

Building

-The Energy Project is not going as smoothly as before. All the thermostats have been installed, but they are not connected to anything to control the heat or air conditioning. Deb is working to get someone in to get the project finished soon.

Library Director's Report

-Whitman's debt exclusion passed so the Whitman Public Library should be funded at their Town Meeting.

-The APL FY19 Budget is right where it should be.

Old Business

-Two hundred and ninety-six Freshman and Sophomores have visited the APL in the last few weeks. One hundred forty-eight cards have been issued. In the fall the APL staff will be visiting the Freshman class at the High School.

New Business

-The Summer Reading schedule is available. Summer Reading kickoff is June 18, 2019 at 2:00pm.

Next Meeting:

June 17, 2019 7:00pm

July 22, 2019 7:00pm

September 9, 2019 7:00pm

Motion to recess to the Town Meeting at 6:56pm was made by Gerry, seconded by Carrie and accepted unanimously.