

**Abington Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2013

Called to Order: 7:03

Attendees:

- ✓ Henry DiCarlo, Chairman
- ✓ Betty Henderson, Vice Chairman
- ✓ Jake O'Neill, Recording Secretary
- ✓ Will Adamczyk
- Christina McMahon
- ✓ Kathleen Jones
- ✓ Gail Bergin
- ✓ Laura Nuttall
- ✓ Gerry Haas
- ✓ Deb Grimmett, Library Director

Reorganization of the Board

The control of the board was passed over to Deb Grimmett in order to reorganize the board following the recent elections

For the position of Chairman. Henry was nominated by Betty and seconded by Laura and he accepted the nomination. Henry was elected unanimously.

Control of the board was returned to Henry for the remainder of the meeting

For the position of Vice Chairman. Betty was nominated by Kathy and seconded by Gerry and Betty accepted the nomination. Betty was elected unanimously.

For the position of Recording Secretary. Jake was nominated by Gerry and seconded by Gail and Jake accepted the nomination. Jake was elected unanimously.

All committees will stay the same.

Minutes for meeting held on April 8, 2013 were reviewed by the board. **MOTION to accept the April minutes was made by Betty, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously.**

Chairman's Report

- The Selectman had to appoint an interim town manager until a new manager could be hired. Leo Provost was appointed for six weeks.

Library Director's Report

- Financials – Salary budget will be a bit short for the year, but State Aid will be used to cover the difference. Book budget and lost materials will be spent by years end. The Expenses are a bit more of an issue with the Building Maintenance line item over budget, however other line items should be able to be used to cover the line items.

- Circulation – The April numbers are up over March and April one year ago. The museum passes are also up over March.

- Programming – The board reviewed the Draft Summer Reading Schedule. Kick off will be June 24th at 2 pm which will be following opening of Island Grove in the morning.

- Friends – Book sale was a big success again an approximately \$2,500 was raised.

Building Update

- Foyer and Door Painting - Cost to paint it all was estimated at \$1,850 and to just paint water damaged portion was \$775. The water damaged areas will be painted.

- HVAC – No problems, but the new actuator was purchased.

Current Library Issues

- FY '14 Budget – The town has a budget shortfall and the board discussed the options the selectman have discussed to cover the shortfall. The differences are whether or not all or part of the shortfall will be made up by the reserve account. Taking the entire amount from the reserve account would be the best for the Library. Taking less than the full amount from the reserve account and making up the rest through budget cuts would result in the Library needing a waiver for State Aid.

MOTION was made by Jake to support reductions associated with Scenario 1 cost cuts and service reductions based on the condition of town finances. This is despite being the only department that will end up with a cut, where other departments will still end up with an increase after the cost reductions. It was seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously with two abstaining.

Old Business

- Library Clean up is this coming Saturday from 9 am until noon.
- The Teen Con was mentioned in the National Blog for Teen Services.

New Business

- The board discussed the potential cut in hours if the budget is cut the maximum amount at town meeting. A final decision will be made at a future meeting.

The Next Board Meeting will be held

June 10th – Town Meeting to be posted for 6:45
June 24th – Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00
August 5th – Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00
September 9th – Regular Meeting to be posted for 7:00

MOTION to Adjourn @ 8:42 pm was made by Gerry, seconded by Kathy and accepted unanimously.