

Winthrop Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Agenda
Wednesday, July 11, 2007 6:30 P.M.

1. Bills to be signed

2. Call to order and acceptance of previous minutes

3. Old Business:

§ Saugus Public Library reduces library hours to 15 hours/week

§ Update on Museum – the work has begun!

4. New Business:

∅ Advisory Committee on State Aid - discussion

∅ Town Manager's suggestion for bill-paying process.

∅ Recent contributions to the Library

- \$500.00 to the Library from George Nicosia in memory of his late wife, Kathleen.
- A Video Enlarger for Low-Vision library users from Mrs. Marilyn McLeod in memory of her husband William.

5. General Business:

- Three new Mass Port staffers – summer help
- Town resignations of note:

Police Chief David Goldberg
Town Treasurer Nicholas "Nick" Basso

6. Date of Next Meeting -- August 8, 2007 (?)

7. Motion to Adjourn

Winthrop Public Library and Museum Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes

Trustees meeting, July 11, 2007. Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. The following named trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; Alex Alexanian, Vice-Chairman, Stephen Dalton and Richard Tyrell. The Library was represented by John Cronin, Director; Ann Gutting, Assistant Director and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant. Erin Flaherty, public member of the Capital Improvement Committee, also attended the meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Dalton made the motion to accept the minutes of June 14, 2007. Mr. Alexanian seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business

1. Saugus Public Library reduces hours to 15 minutes per week. Notation was made that Winthrop Public Library privileges have been withdrawn from the citizens of Saugus.
2. Update on Museum – the work has begun. The Director brought trustees up-to-date on the progress made in the Museum. There is a question as to restoring the floors through sanding, etc. or whether it might be more practical to install carpeting. Cost is the controlling factor. The hope is to have the Museum ready by September 15, 2007.

New Business

1. Advisory Committee on State-Aid – discussion. Mr. Matarazzo led a brief discussion and distributed copies of the Board of Library Commissioners State Aid Review Committee's final report.

2. Town Manager's suggestion for the bill-paying process. A lengthy airing of views on the bill-paying process was held which led Mr. Alexanian to present the following motion: "I move that the trustees appoint a subcommittee to meet bi-weekly with the Director to review and sign bills, and that the remaining trustees be given a copy of the warrants at the regular meetings of the Board. Mr. Tyrell seconded the motion which was then approved.

Attention is directed to Mr. Alexanian's illuminating letter on "Governance" dated July 8, 2007.

3. A preliminary copy of the Director's Report was submitted along with the Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Reports are to be finalized.
4. Recent contributions to the Library:
 - Ø Mr. George Nicosia generously donated \$500.00 in memory of his late wife, Kathleen.
 - Ø Mrs. Marilyn McLeod gifted the Library with a Video Enlarger for low-vision library users in memory of her late husband, William.

General Business

Three new Mass Port staffers - summer help. This summer help will serve 15 hours per week.

Town Resignations of note: Mr. Matarazzo announced the resignations of Police Chief David Goldberg and that of Treasurer, Nicholas Basso.

Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next at 6:30 P.M. in the Hazlett Meeting Room, on Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Adjournment

Mr. Alexanian wisely moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Mr. Dalton alertly seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

