

**Winthrop Public Library  
Board of Trustees Library Agenda  
Thursday, November 15, 2007 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order and acceptance of previous minutes
2. Old Business
  - a. Update on Museum status – new furniture and carpeting – gift of the Friends of the Winthrop Public Library & Museum.
3. New Business
  - a. Request for brief Executive Session
  - b. Schedule Museum Reading Room dedication to be held by the Friends of the Winthrop Public Library – Tuesday 11/27, 12/4 and/or 12/44(?)
  - c. Schedule meeting of Trustees with the Town Manager (Monday evenings Around 6 PM are best for him)
4. General Business
  - a. Recent donations to the Library - \$50. from Mary A. Kelly in memory of Josephine Miccichi and John “Jack” Driscoll.
  - b. FY08 budget – since we are presently running on a deficit budget, we should be prepared to “negotiate” soon with the Town Manager and Controller.
5. New Business

Recent donations to the Library

  1. Thomas O’Brien - \$1000
  2. Friends of the Winthrop Public Library & Museum - \$3,500
6. Date of Next Meeting – December 12/13, 2007(?)
7. Motion to adjourn

Board of Trustees  
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, NoVember 15, 2007, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following named trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman; Susan Brazil, Stephen Dalton, Betty Peabody, John Tranfaglia, and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by John Cronin, Director; Ann Gutting, Assistant Director, and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant. Nancy Dane was also in attendance, representing the Friends of the Library.

Ms. Brazil, our newest trustee, was introduced and warmly received and welcomed.

Minutes

Mr. Dalton moved to accept the minutes of October 12, 2007. Ms. Brazil seconded the motion which was then approved.

Mr. Dalton moved to accept the minutes of the Executive Session of October 12, 2007. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion which was approved.

Old Business

Update on Museum status. Mr. Cronin reported that the Museum would be ready for a reception on November 27, 2007. The Friends of the Library have provided some new furniture and carpeting for the Museum.

New Business

a. Request for brief Executive Session. This item was deferred until the close of the meeting.

b. Schedule Museum Reading Room dedication to be held by the Friends of the Library. Various dates were floated. Mr. Cronin is aiming for the earliest possible date--November 26, 2007, December 3, 2007, or December 11, 2007, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on one of those dates.

Mrs. Dane then read a letter written by her husband, Mr. Henry Dane, urging that the trustees name the Museum Reading Room for Mr. Ronald Bergman who was instrumental in obtaining the \$40,000 funded by the State for the Museum, along with the \$3500 by the Friends. \$1500 was also donated from the Friend's treasury.

Mr. Dalton moved that the Museum Reading Room be named for Mr. Bergman. Ms. Brazil seconded the motion which was defeated when Mr. Dalton said that he wished to refine the motion when he recalled that the room had already been named for Mr. Warren Davis.

Mr. Dalton then made the motion to change the vote of earlier trustees so that the Exhibit Hall instead be named for Mr. Warren Davis and that the Reading Room be named for Mr. Ronald Bergman, and that a plaque honoring each man be placed in the Museum. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

c. Schedule meeting of the trustees with the Town Manager. The main topics that the trustees wish to discuss with the Town Manager are the library budget and the lines of authority of the Manager and the trustees. The two possible dates for a meeting are November 26, 2007, and December 3, 2007.

The trustees plan to meet on Monday, November 19, 2007, to discuss these topics.

#### General Business

a. Recent donations to the library. \$50.00 was donated by Ms. Mary Kelley in memory of Josephine Miccichi, and John "Jack" Driscoll.

b. FY08 budget. Discussion centered on ways for the library to operate with a large deficit in the budget.

#### Meeting

The trustees will meet next at 6:30 P.M. on November 19, 2007, and at 6:30 on Thursday, December 13, 2007, in the Hazlett Meeting Room.

#### Executive Session

Mr. Dalton made the motion at 7:53 P.M. that the trustees go into Executive Session. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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