

Winthrop Public Library  
Board of Trustees Library Agenda  
Tuesday, July 15, 2008 6:30 P.M.

1. Warrants from previous months
2. Reading and acceptance of last month's meeting minutes
3. Old Business
  - Basch Rooms – nearly completed
  - Year-end FY09 budget problems
4. New Business
  - ∅ Applications for Library Director position
  - ∅ General Library Ass't still not approved
5. General Business
6. Date of Next Meetings –
7. Motion to adjourn

## **Winthrop Public Library Board of Trustees Library Meeting**

### Minutes

Trustees meeting, July 15, 2008, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library.

Mr. Matarazzo called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. The following named Trustees were present: James Matarazzo, Chairman, John Tranfaglia, Vice-Chairman Steven Dalton and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by John Cronin, Director, Ann Gutting, Assistant Director and Janice Flaherty, Administrative Assistant. Erin Flaherty, member of the ad hoc committee to choose a new director, also attended the meeting.

### Warrants

In the future, warrants will follow a new system that is being implemented through Tow Hall.

### Minutes

Mr. Dalton, with an interesting preface, moved to accept the minutes of June 24, 2008. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which then passed.

### Old Business

- Mr. Cronin reported that the work on the Basch Room is nearing completion and should be finished within a month. Dedication of the room, to which \$20,000 has been dedicated, should be scheduled – perhaps in November
- The Town has presented the library with a budget problem for FY09. In spite of borrowing \$2,000,000, the Town (Mr. Bertino) has advised the library to pay \$8,876.76 in bills out of State Aid. Mr. Dalton was so upset by this news that he contemplated submitting a motion to refuse to pay these bills.
- Mr. Tranfaglia, reluctantly and with remorse, made the motion to pay the bills. Mr. Matarazzo seconded the motion which carried on a vote of three to one. Mr. Dalton voted “no.” Mr. Cronin will write to Mr. Noonana questioning the legality of our being forced to use State Aid money this way. The trustees will all sign this letter.

- The Library budget must total \$485,434 for us to be eligible for State Aid. Mr. Cronin pointed out that right now we are \$11,000 short and that a full-time position is needed for the library to meet the 50 hours minimum demanded by the state.

### Next Meeting

The trustees will meet next at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, in the Hazlett Meeting Room.

### Library Director

Seven applications have been received for the position of Library Director. The committee is processing applications as they are received.

### Adjournment

Mr. Dalton, his enthusiasm dampened by the budget wars of the Library, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M.. Mr. Tranfaglis solicitously seconded the motion, which was quickly passed

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