

Minutes of the Board of Library Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2000

In attendance:

Steven Dalton
Edward Hazlett
David Redgrave
Phyllis Greene

Marjorie Hill-Devine, Director, taking minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 PM. Minutes were read and corrected (Ed Hazlett moved, Steve Dalton seconded, vote unanimous.)

Under old business - the 3rd floor plaster repair needed was discussed. Director Hill was advised to investigate the lighting situation there prior to getting plaster estimates.

The Fy2001 budget was discussed. A 5% cut is likely but no one has heard solid information.

Under new business - Director Hill explained a little know law that prevents already Town-employed individuals from working more than 500 hours per year, and that even that amount of hours requires a dispensation from the State Ethics Commission, The Board of Selectman, and other red tape. Our evening janitorial position is 988 hours per year (19 per week). The Board indicated that Director Hill-Devine should handle this situation. She will meet with Executive Secretary Virginia Wilder and the town's labor lawyer, Mr. Greenspan, in the near future.

The "digital divide" - Director Hill-Devine explained some aspects of the new 1.3 million dollar *Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (III)* system recently loaded by NOBLE, such as the ability of patrons to place holds on materials from their home PC's. Those owning PC's will have the advantage over those not owning computers, although patrons will still be able to place holds at one of the many library PC's, or by requesting same from staff.

Under other, Director Hill-Devine informed the Board of the extra efforts of Mary Ann Blair, Circulation Librarian and Janet Finley, General Assistant Librarian, to pursue courses and improve their skills. Several certificates of merit were shown the Board. Ed Hazlett moved that a "day of commendation" be given these staff. Steve Dalton seconded. Vote unanimous.

It was decided that the next meeting would be Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made a 8:45 and unanimously accepted.