

Board of Trustees  
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library, February 26, 2004.

Mr. Dalton called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. The following trustees were present: Stephen Dalton, Chairman; James Matarazzo, Vice-Chairman; William Dacey, Betty Peabody, John Tranfaglia, and Richard Tyrell. The library was represented by Ann Gutting, Acting Director. Henry Dane, Friends of the Library; Janice Flaherty, administrative assistant; Erin Flaherty, Thoams McNiff, and Stephen Nichols also attended the meeting.

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Mr. Matarazzo made the motion to accept the minutes of February 19, 2004, as written. Mr. Dacey seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Old Business - The WPL's future

Discussion then centered on the course of action that the trustees should follow.

Mr. Matarazzo proposed that the trustees meet first with the Selectmen; Mr. Tyrell countered with the response that the trustees should meet first with the Advisory Committee. The trustees voted in favor of Mr. Matarazzo's suggestion by a vote of four to one. The chair abstained.

Mr. Matarazzo followed the above vote with the motion that the trustees should meet with the Advisory Committee as soon as possible. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion. Mr. Matarazzo then amended his own motion to show that the trustees should meet with whichever group--the Selectmen or the Advisory Committee----first accepts our request for a hearing. Ms. Peabody seconded the motion as amended. The motion was passed.

Mr. Matarazzo, turning to the draft petition submitted by Mr. Dane, moved that the trustees thank Mr. Dane and the Friends of the Library and encourage them to move forward with a petition. Mr. Tranfaglia seconded the motion which was then given unanimous support.

Comment was then aimed at strategies to be followed at the meetings with the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

Next Meeting

No date was set for the next meeting of the trustees. A date will be set after the meeting with the Selectmen or the meeting with the Advisory Committee, whichever comes first.

Adjournment

Mr. Matarazzo kindly made the motion to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. Ms. Peabody brightly seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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