

Board of Trustees  
Winthrop Public Library and Museum

Minutes

Trustees Meeting, Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room, Winthrop Public Library,  
May 16, 2002.

Mr. Dalton called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. The following trustees were present: Stephen Dalton, Chairman; David Redgrave, Vice-Chairman; Donald Ford, John Meehan, and Richard Tyrell. The following staff members were also present: Marjorie Hill-Devine, Director, and Ann Gutting Asst. Director.

Tapes

Mr. Meehan proposed to tape the meeting for his personal use. Mr. Tyrell made the motion that no tapes be allowed in the Trustees' meetings. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Mr. Tyrell, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Redgrave voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Meehan against. The motion carried.

Board Officers

Mr. Ford made the motion to retain the existing slate of Board officers: Mr. Dalton, Chairman; Mr. Redgrave, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Tyrell, Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tyrell and approved unanimously.

Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2002. Mr. Ford seconded the motion which was unanimously approved, after clarification of the elevator items.

Past Minutes

Mr. Meehan then submitted the following motion: I move that all references in the original minutes of our past several meetings that have recently and arbitrarily been changed from:

"...Between the Board of Trustees and the Library Director..."

To now read:

"...Between a member of the Board of Trustees and the Library Director..."

Be changed back to the correct terminology as stated in the original minutes.

The motion failed to garner support and was not seconded.

New Business

Director Hill-Devine gave a status report on the ailing boiler. Ms. Wilder is to be thanked for getting the boiler fixed, but problems remain with zonal heating inequalities. A general assessment of the heating system

is in order. The Board of Health recommended closing the library when the temperature fell to 58.3 degrees farenheit. Mr. Dalton entered the letter of Mr. William P. Frazier, April 29, 2002, into the record.

The Director also spoke of problems with the rear door of the library which is difficult to lock and in need of replacement.

#### Town Meeting Strategy

Detailed discussion was held concerning the budget, and the imperative of retaining the services of NOBLE.

#### Break

The meeting was put on hold for approximately ten minutes, 8:30 P.M. to 8:40 P.M., as Mr. Dalton sought some definitive news concerning the Selectmen's meeting and the proposed slashing of the budget of the library.

#### Old Business

Mr. Dalton submitted Foundational Guidelines in Response to the Gottlieb Report. Discussion of this report will be conducted at the next meeting as will a discussion of p. 3 of the Director's report, Winthrop Public Library, FY 2003 Action Plan.

#### Next Meeting

The Board will meet next on June 19, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. in the Edward A. Hazlett Meeting Room.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Redgrave made the motion to adjourn at 9:08 P.M., seconded by Mr. Ford. Unanimous.

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