

**MINUTES**  
**West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2009**  
**at the West Tisbury Public Library**

**In Attendance**

**Trustees:** Hal Garneau, Linda Hearn, Hermine Hull, Ginny Jones, Dan Waters

**Director:** Beth Kramer

**Public:** None

Linda Hearn called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Capital Improvements Committee**

This item had been placed on the agenda in anticipation of Leah Smith being present from the CIC. In her absence, Beth Kramer asked the board if the Library expected to make any capital improvement requests in the coming year. Various ameliorations to the building were mentioned, including repairs to the cupola and the door to the children's room, but all fell below the \$10,000 capital improvement threshold and would be considered part of the maintenance budget.

Hermine Hull asked if the Library would be expected to pay for the work if the Howes House were linked into the Library's well. Linda responded that, at their latest meeting, the Selectmen had made it sound as if the town would pay this expense.

**Minutes**

With a minor correction, Ginny Jones moved that the minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2009 be approved as submitted. Hermine seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Friends Report**

No Friends being present, there was no Friends Report.

**Librarian's Report**

Beth reported that, for the month, patron visits were up almost 11% and circulation up over 23%. She said that the Halloween party had been a great success, with more than 250 people in attendance, and thanked those Trustees and Friends who contributed. The Readers' Advisory Training led by Shelley Quezada will begin Nov. 17. Members of the public are invited. There is a monthly commitment, with a concentration on mysteries.

Beth said there would be an MVLA meeting with Cindy Roach on Nov. 13 to discuss delivery and regional services. Nelia and Beth will be going to Dedham for the New England Crime Bake, under the Library's Readers' Advisory Grant. Beth will be attending the annual meeting of SEMLS at Stonehill College on Nov. 20 to see what has been decided regarding regional services. She will also be meeting this week with Lee Revere and Suzi Wasserman to discuss the addition of a third Friends shed.

Finally, Beth reminded the trustees of various upcoming events including the Community Poetry

Reading on Nov. 15 at 5 p.m., the Family Game Day on Nov. 29, and the Library's Holiday Party on Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. She asked the trustees to "bring something festive."

### **Foundation**

In the absence of Melissa Hackney, Beth asked the trustees to turn in their list of names of potential founding members for the West Tisbury Library Foundation currently in formation. She also asked the board to create a Foundation committee. Dan asked that the committee members be named at the December meeting, when Melissa can explain the committee's precise scope and mission.

### **Facility Needs Committee**

Hal Garneau presented a report of the Facility Needs Committee's second meeting. New members present at that meeting were Linda Hughes, Bea Phear, Suzi Wasserman and Leah Smith. Hal said that the committee is currently reviewing the past history of the Library's expansion attempts, and that Linda Hughes will interview the staff as to their views of facility needs. The committee plans to deliver their report to the trustees at the February 9, 2010 board meeting.

### **Well Committee**

Linda reported that at the most recent Selectmen's meeting, the Selectmen were brought up to date on the recent discussion regarding the Howes House well, its alleged potential failure, and the advisability of tying the Howes House into the Library well. The Selectmen asked the Library to appoint a representative on this topic, and Linda nominated Ginny. Dan noted that Ginny has a firm grasp of the board's position on this issue, and should be encouraged to speak her mind freely.

### **Poet Laureate**

Beth reported that the Poet Laureate committee had received a letter from Fan Ogilvie expressing her willingness to remain in the position of West Tisbury Poet Laureate for another year. In her letter, she listed an impressive number of accomplishments since her appointment in May. Ginny moved that the board recommend Fan's reappointment for another year, and Dan Waters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Linda said she would write a letter to the Selectmen conveying the board's recommendation.

### **Long Range Plan**

Prior to the meeting, Beth had circulated copies of her Long Range Plan to be submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). She said that Rosemary Walthos of the MBLC recommended that this plan be filed now and not in a year (as libraries with new directors are permitted to do). Dan moved to approve the plan as submitted, Ginny seconded the motion. The plan was unanimously approved and signed by the trustees present. Beth said she would contact Melissa Hackney separately for her approval and signature.

### **Warrant Article**

Beth said that, in order to be eligible for state building funds, the Library needs to bring an article before the 2010 Annual Town Meeting asking for approval of the building project. Also, the town must authorize the library trustees to apply for, accept and expend any applicable state, federal,

or private grants. Dan suggested that the article be written in such a way that it is clear that the town is not being asked to approve a specific building design or expenditure, but that the article is simply a pro forma gesture to satisfy a state eligibility requirement. Ginny moved to authorize Beth to draft a warrant article for approval at the December trustees meeting. Hermine seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no public present and no further correspondence, the meeting formally adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Waters  
Clerk