

MINUTES
West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 18, 2011
at the West Tisbury Public Library

In Attendance

Trustees: Hal Garneau, Linda Hearn, Ginny Jones, Dan Waters

Director: Beth Kramer

Linda Hearn called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes

Ginny Jones moved to approve minutes of two previous meetings: December 7 and December 28, 2010. Linda seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Director's Report

Beth Kramer reported that she had attended the LSC Greening Your Library workshop in anticipation of a \$7,500 grant. The application is due in March. She said she is almost finished collating the MBLC grant application for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program, which is due January 27.

Beth, Linda and Leah Smith (Chair of the Building Committee) will go before the Selectmen tomorrow to have them sign the Assurances section of the MBLC grant application. Paul Karasik, Development Director of the Charter School, recently gave his workshop on "elevator speeches" to the staff and the Foundation. Beth suggested that it might be a good thing for the Trustees as well.

With no Friends present, there was no Friends report.

Vacant Seat

Linda noted that the town election season is coming and said she intends to run for re-election as a Library Trustee. She reported that Hermine Hull has decided not to seek re-election, leaving a vacant seat on the board. Linda advised that, with the expansion project under way, anyone interested in running for the position of Library Trustee should "be prepared to do a lot of hard work."

Old Business

As promised at a recent meeting, Dan Waters distributed a preliminary draft of a mailing piece to be sent to town voters in March. Trustees were asked to review the draft before the next meeting and forward their comments directly to him for future discussion.

Ventilation

Pursuant to the recent discussion of ventilation in the basement, Beth said she had called the

Health Agent and the Radon Reduction System supplier. The price cited last month was for a residential building, not a public one. Also it assumed a location on the mainland, not an island. Thus, the price rose over \$3,000 — far higher than anticipated. Beth said she ended up talking to the Radiation Department of the EPA, where an expert told her to crack a window 10 minutes per day to take care of the problem. With this in mind, and with possible construction on the horizon, Beth said she has postponed mitigation and will buy a radon monitor.

Correspondence

Beth reported receiving notice that the will of Mr. Robert Vincent has been probated, and that he left \$250 to the library in memory of Sylvia Chatfield Bates, author of *The Weather Breeder*.

Other Business

Ginny said she has seen an ad for interlocking, snowplow-proof paving bricks, and suggested that this might be an acceptable alternative to a macadam parking lot. Dan said the Building Committee would surely like to hear more about this.

With no comments from the public, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Waters, Clerk