

MINUTES
West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
at the West Tisbury Public Library

In Attendance

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

Director: Beth Kramer

Public: Gina Solon

Linda Hearn called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Preliminaries

With Town Elections imminent, library director Beth Kramer had extended an invitation to the two non-incumbent candidates for the board of trustees, to attend tonight's meeting. One of the candidates, Gina Solon, was in attendance, and introduced herself to the board.

Tonight's meeting was also Hermine's last, in her capacity as a trustee. Linda thanked her for her 18 years of service, and thanked her personally for all her help. Linda also presented a token of thanks from the board: a library tote with a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Hermine said "I will always love this library. It's been a huge part of my life."

Linda distributed the latest State Ethics update to the board.

Minutes

Ginny Jones moved to approve minutes of the January 18, 2011 trustees meeting. Melissa seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote with the abstention of Hermine Hull and Melissa Hackney, who were absent in January.

Director's Report

Beth reported that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has ruled favorably on the library expansion project, providing the last piece that was missing from the construction grant application. She said the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved the new well. Beth noted that the water filters have been replaced. She reminded the trustees that the Winter Reading Series starts Wednesday, and that there is a Limerick Challenge in the works. She reported that last month she submitted an application for a federal LSTA "Greening Your Library" mini-grant.

With no Friends present, there was no Friends report.

Nominating Committee

In conformance with Trustee Bylaws, Linda appointed a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of officers for the Election of Officers at the next trustees meeting. Ginny and Melissa agreed to serve.

Old Business

The trustees discussed Dan Waters's draft of the trustees' mailing to town voters, explaining Articles 18 and 19 on this year's Town Warrant. Extensive changes were agreed upon. Ginny moved that Dan be authorized to revise and amend the mailing to reflect these changes. Hermine seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Policy

The board discussed the Exhibition Policy submitted last month by Hermine. With a minor change in wording, Ginny moved to adopt the new policy. Melissa seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. It will be voted upon again at the next meeting of the trustees.

Beth distributed a proposed Child Safety Policy amendment. Ginny moved to accept this policy, and Hal seconded the motion. After some discussion and amendment, it passed by unanimous voice vote. This policy, too, will be voted upon at the next trustees meeting.

Next Trustees Meeting

Under normal circumstances, the next meeting of the trustees would be Tuesday, April 12. However, this conflicts with the Annual Town Meeting. Therefore, the board tentatively agreed to move the meeting date back a week, to April 19th. [Note: Subsequently, it was discovered that April 19th is Passover, so the meeting was moved to April 26th.]

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment

Gina Solon asked if the proposed library expansion would mean increasing the size of the staff. Beth answered that building size would not affect staff size because, as currently proposed, the expanded facility could be staffed the same number of people as the current facility. Beth noted, however, that the current facility is down one full-time staff member, a situation that must be rectified when the expanded library opens in 2014.

Other Business

Ginny expressed concern about the lack of light in the parking lot at night.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Waters, Clerk