

**MINUTES**  
**West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2011**  
**at the West Tisbury Public Library**

**In Attendance**

**Trustees:** Hal Garneau, Melissa Hackney, Linda Hearn, Ginny Jones, Gina Solon, Dan Waters

**Director:** Beth Kramer

Linda Hearn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tonight's meeting did not follow the normal second-Tuesday-of-the-month schedule because April 12 coincided with the Annual Town Meeting.

**Preliminaries**

Linda welcomed Gina Solon, newly-elected Trustee, to the board.

**Minutes**

Hal Garneau moved to approve the minutes of March 8, 2011. Melissa Hackney seconded the motion. All voted to approve except Gina, who was present at the meeting but not a trustee at the time.

**Director's Report**

Beth reported that the 30-foot hose to the well was dangerous and unsightly, and had been buried by John Hoff of Oakleaf Landscaping. In addition, consulting with John Powers, Eileen Maley and Jen Rand, a swath of brush had been cleared and the ground reseeded between the library and the Maley property, opening a pleasant vista from the Children's Room. Oakleaf will also refurbish the path that was dug during the process of installing the well pipe. Beth said that the library will hear this month from the architect doing the site visit for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) Review Committee working with the construction grant application.

The LSTA "Greening Your Library" grant that Beth had applied for turned out to be mostly about data bases for academic libraries and not a good fit for ours, so she withdrew the application. Beth also reported that circulation and patron visits are down slightly from last year, possibly due to a transition from audiobooks to eBooks. Hal noted that Amazon.com now allows ePub books to be read on the Kindle device. Beth said there had been some staff shortages due to family concerns. She mentioned that Colleen has some great new programs coming up. Gina commended Susanna Sturgis for her maintenance of the library's Facebook presence. Ginny Jones suggested that the library's website mention the library's strengths, such as the collection of books on health.

With no Friends present, there was no Friends report.

### **Election of Officers**

This being the first monthly meeting after Town Election, Ginny and Melissa, the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of candidates for board officers. They recommended that Linda remain Chair, Dan Waters remain clerk, Hal remain treasurer, and that Melissa serve as the new vice-chair. Dan moved to accept the slate as recommended, and Ginny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ginny moved to elect the slate as accepted, and Dan seconded the motion. The candidates were unanimously elected by voice vote.

### **New Business**

On Tuesday, August 16th, the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Agricultural Fair with a parade from the Grange to the new Ag Hall. Linda proposed that the library enter a float, possibly featuring Nelia Decker surrounded by children, and a banner. The board signalled general approval of the idea. Beth said she would gauge the sentiment among the staff.

Linda reported that Fan Ogilvie, current Poet Laureate, has agreed to serve a third consecutive term. Linda moved to recommend to the Selectmen that Fan be reappointed. Ginny seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote. Since this must be Fan's last year, the search process for the next Poet Laureate will be announced at the November Community Poetry Reading.

Beth reported that, in anticipation of creating the position of a town-wide maintenance manager who might help to consolidate costs, the town had commissioned EMG to conduct an audit of town facilities and projected maintenance needs for the next 20 years. She presented the library's Replacement Reserves Cost Estimate (attached), which anticipates that the current library building will need \$296,024 worth of maintenance through the year 2020.

### **Policy**

Ginny moved to confirm last month's vote of the Art Wall Policy. Melissa seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Ginny moved to confirm last month's vote of the Unattended Children Policy. Melissa seconded the motion, and it too passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

Beth noted that the library has received a donation from the Island Club, thanks to Island Card holders who designated the library as the recipient of their donations.

### **Other Business**

Ginny asked whether the library is any closer to being able to join CLAMS. Beth reported that she and Ebba Hierta (Chilmark library director) will be meeting with CLAMS next month. Dan noted that the next Community Forum will be Monday, May 2 at 5:30.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Waters, Clerk

