

Minutes of The Board of Library Trustees – February 6, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Brookline, NH

Present: Eleanor Amidon Helen Ballou
 Russell Heinselman Jodi Tochko
 Loring Webster

BPL Policy Manual

The remainder of the Brookline Public Library policy manual, from section 10 on, was discussed. Loring distributed the revised sections, 8 & 9.

January Minutes

Upon motion by Russ, seconded by Loring, it was moved to accept the minutes of The Board of Library Trustees' meeting of January 9, 2007 as modified. Three corrections were made: 1) the date on the header 2) the date for President's Day 3) noting that Russ would file for re-election. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

For the period ending January 31, 2007, the Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$31,309.93. The report was accepted.

Old Business

Budget/General Maintenance-The Budget Hearing on January 29 went well. Jodi submitted a list of needed repairs; the flagpole should be scraped and painted, new carpeting needs to be installed, and the damage to the wall is in need of repair. The Selectmen and Finance Committee were very helpful in trying to meet the Library's needs.

Facilities Committee- The next public forum for the Library will be held on February 15 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. It will focus on the proposed warrant article to purchase lot H42. A presentation will be shown, including satellite photos and an overlay of the proposed design onto a photo of the site.

New Business

WiFi- After a discussion, it was decided to limit the WiFi availability to 6 days a week, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. for a 2-month trial period.

Tax Bill- In response to Loring's question about the town budget, Russ explained the timing of tax collection and payment.

Bookcases-Loring asked about purchasing more bookcases. He was informed that it is a responsibility of the Director.

Donated Bookcases-It is still unclear if the bookcases from Toadstool Books are still available. Jodi said that she has not received the dimensions of the bookcases or any other information about them. Loring asked if there was money in the budget to rent a trailer. Helen asked if volunteers could be asked first. Russ agreed. Russ added that the dimensions would be needed first and foremost. Helen will ask Jane if she needs assistance with following up on the matter.

Downloadable Books-Loring asked about the feasibility of downloadable books. Russ offered that he has not received any of the specifications from the NH State Library. Woofie asked if anyone has asked for downloadable books. Jodi has not heard of many inquiries for them. All agreed that more answers were needed before committing to it.

Trustees- Russ filed for re-election and Ed Cook has also filed for one of the two open Library Trustee positions.

Alternate Trustees-Jodi has received information concerning one or two Brookliners interested in applying for the Alternate Trustee positions.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Upon motion by Russ, seconded by Loring, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Ballou