

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 15, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held at Southworth Library on July 15, 2008. Ms. Aisenberg called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. with all members present.

BOARD MEMBERS

Kathryn Murphy Aisenberg, Chairman	Andrew Couto
Rachel Charrier, Vice Chairman	Paul Pereira
Lorraine Carey	Dolores Sharek

STAFF

Denise M. Medeiros, Director of Libraries	Audrey Quail, Administrative Clerk
Lynne Antunes, Acting Assistant Director	

Report of the Friends of Dartmouth Libraries. Ms. Sherwood introduced Marcia Beardsley, the new President of the Friends. A one-day book sale has been scheduled for Saturday, July 26.

Director's Contract FY 2008. Ms. Medeiros reported that her supplemental funding for FY 2008 has been authorized for payment by the Treasurer's office. We are awaiting a copy of Town Counsel's written opinion. The supplemental funding fulfills the FY 2008 contract language.

Director's Contract FY 2009. A motion was made by Ms. Aisenberg to adjourn into executive session at 5:15 p.m. to "conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel." Roll call vote: Ms. Aisenberg, yes; Ms. Carey, yes; Ms. Charrier, yes; Mr. Couto, yes; and Ms. Sharek, yes.

The regular meeting was resumed at 5:35 p.m. Ms. Aisenberg commended Ms. Medeiros for her leadership through last year's difficult financial straits and then presented the Board's position for outset of the negotiation process. The Trustees said they would like to have the negotiations done on a schedule which would allow the funding for any increase to be built into the budget request for the next fiscal year.

New Evaluation Process FY 2010. Ms. Aisenberg asked Ms. Medeiros to present her goals and objectives for FY 2010 at the next meeting.

North Dartmouth Branch Library. The Board considered various factors including the proposal of a philosophy club from UMass Dartmouth to do fundraising for the branch, the possibility of asking the Foundation to change the focus of this year's fundraising from "Bucks for Books" to "Bucks for the Branch," the goal to provide library service to the entire community, the fact that Southworth Library has not captured all of the North Dartmouth patrons, and a proposal from the Director which would allow the opening of the branch on a part-time basis with limited staff. A motion was made by Mr. Couto, seconded by Ms. Sharek, and unanimously voted to reopen the North Dartmouth

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Branch Library. The hours would be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Town Website Committee. Mr. Pereira volunteered to be the Trustee representative on this committee.

Library Website Demonstration was tabled to the next meeting.

Privatization Committee. Ms. Medeiros presented a handout summarizing the research she had done into the matter of privatization. The Privatization Committee will make a presentation to the Trustees at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was set for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.

Today's meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Quail
Administrative Clerk