

Abbott Library Board of Trustees Minutes
Abbott Library – March 16, 2012
Approved

Trustees: Terri Jillson White, Chair; Peter Urbach, Assistant Chair; Tracy Nangeroni (at 9:18 AM), Treasurer; James Gottling, Secretary; Barbara Hollander; Jean Molloy
Alternates: Mary Epemian, Anne Nilsen, Tom Mickle
Others: Betty Ramspott, Town Clerk; Peter Spanos, Trustee Elect; Mindy Flater, Abbott Library Foundation Chair; Sue Gottling, Selectman

Chairs' Remarks – Terri White

Terri W asked Tom M to sit in for John Wilson and Anne N for Tracy N. Tracy N arrived at 9:18 AM, replacing Anne N as a voting member of the Board. Terri noted that the acting board was the current board, as the newly elected Trustees had not yet been sworn into office. Terri added that she called the meeting to have the Trustees approve a request for a recount of the vote on Article 2, since that vote failed by just 4 votes. The vote on Article 2 was 594 YES and 402 NO. The 60% requirement on funding articles meant that 598 YES votes were needed for passage of Article 2. Article 6 passed with a 593 to 402 majority vote.

Terri introduced Town Clerk Betty Ramspott, who described the election recount procedure. She indicated that herself, her deputy, Town Moderator Harry Gale, and a majority of the new Selectman would do the recount. Betty explained details of the recount and commented that the machine results, in her experience, are accurate. However, there were eighteen ballots that the machine flagged as blanks, i.e., were not counted either as YES or NO votes. These will be closely examined. The recount must occur within ten days, but not before five days of submission of the recount request. The time and place of the recount meeting will be posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

Terri W moved, with Barbara H 2nd, to proceed with a petition to obtain a recount on **Article 2** as voted on March 13, 2012, submitting the necessary paper work to the Town Clerk. This motion passed unanimously. All Trustees and Alternates present, as listed above, signed a pre-typed petition. Mindy Flater and Peter Spanos also signed the petition. John Mapley had signed the petition prior to the meeting.

Jim G, with 2nd by Terri W, moved to have Anne and Steve Nilsen place the word 'APPROVED' over the word 'PROPOSED' on the sign marking the now approved site for the new Abbott Library. This motion passed unanimously. Terri W agreed to provide information to place on the Library website regarding the outcome of the town election and to send a news releases to the InterTown Record and Eagle Times. Jim G agreed to meet Anne and Steve Nilsen at the library site to take photos for use on the website and in the press releases.

Public Comment – None

Other Business – None

Adjournment

On motion by Tracy N, Barbara H 2nd, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



James G Gottling, Secretary